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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 493

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to municipal transportation systems."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose of this Act is to provide
9 municipalities with maximum flexibility in providing transportation services
10 to their citizens by enabling municipalities to combine existing separate
11 transportation systems into a combined system for both pupil and public
12 transportation or to implement a combined pupil and public transportation
13 system where only a public or only a pupil transportation system exists. It
14 is the intent of the legislature that pilot projects financed by the state in
15 sample communities representative of other communities of the state demon-
16 strate increased availability of transportation services to the public or a
17 savings in total transportation expenditures by use of a combined transpor-
18 tation system, or both.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 14.09.010 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

20 (d) A municipality may elect under AS 29.48.053 to provide for the
21 transportation of pupils by a combined transportation system for pupils
22 and the general public.

23 (e) If a municipality elects to provide a combined transportation
24 system under AS 29.48.053, the regional educational attendance area
25 containing the municipality or the school district in the municipality
26 shall be reimbursed on a unit cost basis as follows:

27 (1) first year of operation -- 125 percent of the unit cost
28 calculated for that year under 4 AAC 27.060;

29 (2) second year of operation -- 120 percent of the unit cost

1 calculated for that year under 4 AAC 27.060;

2 (3) third year of operation -- 115 percent of the unit cost
3 calculated for that year under 4 AAC 27.060;

4 (4) for each year of operation thereafter -- the unit cost
5 calculated under 4 AAC 27.060.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 29.48 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 29.48.053. COMBINED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. (a) A munici-
8 pality may provide a combined transportation system for pupils and the
9 general public by a resolution of the governing body of the municipality
10 approving the combined system.

11 (b) A municipality interested in having a combined transportation
12 system for pupils and the general public may submit a proposal to the
13 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for a study of the
14 feasibility of a combined transportation system. The study shall be
15 prepared by the municipality in cooperation with the Department of
16 Transportation and Public Facilities, the Department of Education, and
17 the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. The Department of
18 Transportation and Public Facilities shall review the results of the
19 feasibility study and determine whether financing of a pilot project is
20 warranted. The department shall consider demographic and geographic
21 factors in the development of pilot systems in sample municipalities in
22 order to develop data of general application to similar communities of
23 comparable size in other areas of the state.

24 (c) In this section "combined transportation system" means an
25 integrated regular system of transportation for pupils and the general
26 public which includes the common use of pupil and municipal transpor-
27 tation vehicles, facilities and personnel.

28 (d) A combined transportation system developed under this section
29 must provide for the regular transportation of both pupils and the

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general public. Sporadic or isolated instances of common use does not entitle a school district or a regional educational attendance area to payment under AS 14.09.010(e).