

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1225

Short Title: School Transportation Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cole; Allred, Dedmon, Fox, Hill, Hurley, Moore, Reynolds, Sexton, and Warwick.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 5, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PICK UP AND DISCHARGE PUPILS AT PLACES DESIGNATED BY PARENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-242(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) A school bus may be used for the transportation of pupils enrolled in and employees in the operation of the school to which such bus is assigned by the superintendent of the local school administrative unit. Except as otherwise herein provided, such transportation shall be limited to transportation to and from such school for the regularly organized school day, and from and to the points designated by the principal of the school to which such bus is assigned, for the receiving and discharging of passengers. Upon the written request of a pupil's parent or guardian, a pupil shall be transported from a location other than the pupil's residence to the pupil's school and from the pupil's school to a location other than the pupil's residence so long as the location is within the school attendance zone and on an established bus

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1 route assigned to that school, including turnaround zone, provided, the
2 local board of education is not required to provide transportation to and
3 from a location within one and one-half miles from the school in which
4 the child is enrolled. No pupil or employee shall be so transported upon
5 any bus other than the bus to which such pupil or employee has been
6 assigned pursuant to the provisions of this Article: Provided, that
7 children enrolled in a Headstart program which is housed in a building
8 owned and operated by a local school administrative unit where school
9 is being conducted may be transported on public school buses, so long
10 as the contractual arrangements made cause no extra expense to the
11 State: Provided further, that children with special needs may be
12 transported to and from the nearest appropriate private school having a
13 special education program approved by the State Board of Education if
14 the children to be transported are or have been placed in that program by
15 a local school administrative unit as a result of the State or the unit's
16 duty to provide such children with a free appropriate public education."

17 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
18 Education the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal
19 year to assist local boards of education in the implementation of this act.

20 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.