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**SENATE BILL 554**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION; CHANGING DATES AND  
PERCENTAGES ON THE TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATION CALCULATION;  
REPEALING THE DELAYED REPEAL ON THE SECTION OF LAW PERTAINING  
TO TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTIONS.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Section 22-8-29.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,  
Chapter 208, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"22-8-29.1. CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATION. --**

**A. As used in this section:**

**(1) "annual variables" means the coefficients  
calculated by regressing the total operational expenditures  
from two years prior to the current school year for each  
school district using the number of students transported and  
the numerical value of site characteristics;**

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1 (2) "base amount" means the fixed amount that  
2 is the same for all school districts;

3 (3) "total operational expenditures" means  
4 the sum of all to-and-from school transportation expenditures,  
5 excluding expenditures incurred in accordance with the  
6 provisions of Section 22-8-27 NMSA 1978; and

7 (4) "variable amount" means the sum of the  
8 product of the annual variables multiplied by each school  
9 district's numerical value of the school district's site  
10 characteristics multiplied by the number of days of operation  
11 for each school district.

12 B. The department shall calculate the  
13 transportation allocation for each school district.

14 C. The base amount is designated as product A.  
15 Product A is the constant calculated by regressing the total  
16 operations expenditures from the two years prior to the  
17 current school year for school district operations using the  
18 numerical value of site characteristics approved by the state  
19 board. The legislative education study committee and the  
20 legislative finance committee may review the site  
21 characteristics developed by the state transportation director  
22 prior to approval by the state board.

23 D. The variable amount is designated as product B.  
24 Product B is the predicted additional expenditures for each  
25 school district based on the regression analysis using the

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1 site characteristics as predictor variables multiplied by the  
2 number of days.

3 E. The allocation to each school district shall be  
4 equal to product A plus product B.

5 F. For the [~~1999-2000, 2000-2001 and~~] 2001-2002,  
6 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years, the transportation  
7 allocation for each school district shall not be less than  
8 [~~one hundred~~] ninety-five percent or more than one hundred  
9 [~~fifteen~~] five percent of the [~~1998-1999~~] prior school year's  
10 transportation expenditure.

11 G. The adjustment factor shall be applied to the  
12 allocation amount determined pursuant to Subsections E and F  
13 of this section. "

14 Section 2. REPEAL. -- Laws 1999 (1st S. S.), Chapter 11,  
15 Section 7 is repealed.