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SENATE BILL 447

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

JOSEPH J. CARRARO

AN ACT

AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT TO ALLOW MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTION TO BE USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 16, Section 76, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-26. TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTION. --

Money in the transportation distribution of the public school fund shall be used only for the purpose of making payments to each school district for the to and from school transportation costs of students in grades kindergarten through twelve attending a public or an accredited private school within the school district and of three- and four-year-old children who meet the state board approved criteria and definition of

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developmentally disabled and for transportation of students to and from their regular attendance centers and the place where vocational education programs are being offered.

- In the event a school district's transportation allocation exceeds the amount required to meet obligations to provide to and from transportation, three- and four-year-old developmentally disabled transportation and [vocation] vocational education transportation, the district shall revert remaining transportation funds to the transportation distribution in the department.
- In the event the sum of the proposed transportation allocations to each school district exceeds the amounts in the transportation distribution, the allocation to each school district shall be reduced in the proportion that the local school district allocation bears to the total statewide transportation distribution.
- Local school boards, with the approval of the D. state transportation director, may provide additional transportation services pursuant to Section 22-16-2 NMSA 1978 to meet established program needs."

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Mr. President:

Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVSIONS, and thence referred to the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman

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