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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in pupils and attendance, further  
6 providing for when transportation provided and for  
7 computation of distances; and, in reimbursements by  
8 Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for  
9 pupil transportation data.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Sections 1361(1) and 1366 of the act of March 10,  
13 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
14 are amended to read:

15 Section 1361. When Provided.--(1) The board of school  
16 directors in any school district may, out of the funds of the  
17 district, provide for the free transportation of any resident  
18 pupil to and from the kindergarten, elementary school, or  
19 secondary school in which he is lawfully enrolled, provided that  
20 such school is not operated for profit and is either located  
21 within the district boundaries or located within this

1 Commonwealth but outside the district boundaries at a distance  
2 not exceeding ten miles by the nearest public highway, except  
3 that such ten-mile limit shall not apply to area career and  
4 technical schools which regularly serve eligible district pupils  
5 or to special schools and classes approved by the Department of  
6 Education, and to and from any points within or without the  
7 Commonwealth in order to provide field trips for any purpose  
8 connected with the educational pursuits of the pupils. When  
9 provision is made by a board of school directors for the  
10 transportation of public school pupils to and from such schools  
11 or to and from any points within or without the Commonwealth in  
12 order to provide field trips as herein provided, the board of  
13 school directors shall also make identical provision for the  
14 free transportation of pupils who regularly attend nonpublic  
15 kindergarten, elementary and high schools not operated for  
16 profit to and from such schools or to and from any points within  
17 or without the Commonwealth in order to provide field trips as  
18 herein provided. Such transportation of pupils attending  
19 nonpublic schools shall be provided during regular school hours  
20 on such dates and periods that the nonpublic school not operated  
21 for profit is in regular session, according to the school  
22 calendar officially adopted by the directors of the same in  
23 accordance with provisions of law. The board of school directors  
24 shall provide such transportation whenever so required by any of  
25 the provisions of this act or of any other act of Assembly.

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27 Section 1366. Computation of Distances.--Where, by the terms  
28 of this act, or any other act, any distance is specified between  
29 the residence of any pupil and any public school to be attended  
30 by him, or any transportation is provided for within or beyond

1 any particular distance, in computing such distance no allowance  
2 shall be made for the distance that the dwelling house of the  
3 pupil is situated off the public highway. All such distances  
4 shall be computed by the public highway from the nearest point  
5 where a private way or private road connects the dwelling house  
6 of the pupil with the highway to the nearest point where said  
7 highway touches the school grounds of the school to which the  
8 pupil has been assigned. The computation of distances may be  
9 made utilizing technology capable of accurate measurements of  
10 distances. The Department of Education may not require manual  
11 recording for distance reporting.

12 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 2541.1. Pupil Transportation Data.--(a) Beginning  
14 with the information reported for the 2025-2026 school year and  
15 each school year thereafter, each school entity entitled to  
16 reimbursement on account of pupil transportation shall provide  
17 in a format prescribed by the Department of Education, the  
18 following data pertaining to pupil transportation:

19 (1) For students enrolled in the school entity and eligible  
20 to receive free pupil transportation services from the school  
21 entity:

22 (i) The total number of students receiving pupil  
23 transportation services from the school entity.

24 (ii) The total number of students experiencing homelessness  
25 as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public  
26 Law 100-77, 101 Stat. 482) and as determined by the school  
27 entity.

28 (2) For each vehicle, an indicator of whether the vehicle  
29 was used to provide extraordinary transportation established in  
30 direct response to the severe health needs of the individual

1 student.

2 (3) For students enrolled in a charter school and eligible  
3 to receive free pupil transportation services from the school  
4 entity:

5 (i) The total number of students receiving pupil  
6 transportation services from the school entity.

7 (ii) The total number of students experiencing homelessness  
8 as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and as  
9 determined by the school entity.

10 (iii) The school entity's pupil transportation expenditures  
11 related to students enrolled in a charter school and receiving  
12 pupil transportation services from the school entity. The  
13 Department of Education shall provide guidance for school  
14 entities on how to either track the actual costs to transport  
15 charter school students or determine a method of allocating a  
16 portion of the total transportation costs applicable to the  
17 transportation of charter school students.

18 (4) For students enrolled in a nonpublic school and eligible  
19 to receive free pupil transportation services from the school  
20 entity:

21 (i) The total number of students receiving pupil  
22 transportation services from the school entity.

23 (ii) The total number of students experiencing homelessness  
24 as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and as  
25 determined by the school entity.

26 (iii) The school entity's pupil transportation expenditures  
27 related to students enrolled in a nonpublic school and receiving  
28 pupil transportation services from the school entity. The  
29 Department of Education shall provide guidance for school  
30 entities on how to either track the actual costs to transport

nonpublic school students or determine a method of allocating a portion of the total transportation costs applicable to the transportation of nonpublic school students.

(5) For students enrolled in the school entity, nonpublic school or charter school and ineligible for reimbursement for pupil transportation services but receive pupil transportation services from the school entity:

(i) The total number of students receiving pupil transportation services from the school entity.

(ii) The school entity's pupil transportation expenditures related to students enrolled in the school entity, nonpublic school or charter school and ineligible to receive free pupil transportation services from the school entity but are receiving pupil transportation services from the school entity. The Department of Education shall provide guidance for school entities on how to either track the actual costs to transport ineligible students or determine a method of allocating a portion of the total transportation costs applicable to the transportation of ineligible students.

(b) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, each school entity entitled to reimbursement on account of pupil transportation shall provide in a format and uniform standard prescribed by the Department of Education, a detailed breakdown of pupil transportation expenditures as follows:

(1) For the expenditures reported under subsection (a) (3) (iii):

(i) The name of each charter school to which a school entity transported resident students.

(ii) The number of charter school students the school entity

1 transported to each charter school listed under subparagraph  
2 (i).

3 (iii) The transportation expenditures applicable to each  
4 charter school listed under subparagraph (i).

5 (2) For the expenditures reported under subsection (a)(4)  
6 (iii):

7 (i) The name of each nonpublic school to which a school  
8 entity transported resident students.

9 (ii) The number of nonpublic school students the school  
10 entity transported to each nonpublic school listed under  
11 subparagraph (i).

12 (iii) The transportation expenditures applicable to each  
13 nonpublic school listed under subparagraph (i).

14 (c) The Department of Education shall annually post on its  
15 publicly accessible Internet website the information and data  
16 collected under this section.

17 (d) The Department of Education shall notify the chairman  
18 and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the  
19 Senate, the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations  
20 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairman and  
21 minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and  
22 the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of  
23 the House of Representatives when the information is posted  
24 under subsection (c).

25 Section 3. Any regulation inconsistent with the amendment or  
26 addition of sections 1366 and 2541.1 of the act is abrogated to  
27 the extent of the inconsistency.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025, or  
29 immediately, whichever is later.