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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota statutes prohibit school districts from charging a fee to transport pupils who live more than two miles from school to the school that is in their attendance area. This prohibition on fees is coupled with Minnesota's statutory requirement that a school district must provide transportation for any pupil who lives more than two miles from school.

This bill allows a school district to charge a fee for pupil transportation provided that no child is denied transportation solely because of the inability to pay the fee. The bill authorizes the fee for fiscal years 2005 to 2007.

Section

- 1** **Trial transportation fee.** Authorizes a school district to adopt a fee schedule for pupil transportation services. Requires the district to establish fee guidelines so that no student is denied transportation solely because of inability to pay the fee. Limits the total fees to not more than the prior years' fees adjusted for increased costs or expanded student transportation services. Limits the fees to a three-year period from fiscal year 2005 to 2007.