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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

School districts are required to provide equal transportation for nonpublic school pupils. This means that the district within which a child resides must provide transportation for the pupil to a nonpublic school within the district if he or she lives at least the same distance from the nonpublic school as public school students in the district who are transported to school. Public schools are also permitted to transport nonpublic school pupils to regular shared-time programs and must transport disabled nonpublic school pupils to and from the facility where special education is provided.

If there is not an appropriate nonpublic school within the district, then the public school district is responsible for transporting the nonpublic school students to the appropriate school district boundary. The district where the nonpublic school is located is not required to transport nonresident students attending nonpublic schools within its district.

This bill expands the equal treatment requirement definition (which is currently in rule) of “department” and “department of religion” to include a series of courses, customized styles of learning, or religious denominational or synodical differences.

### Section

- 1 Departments.** Defines “department” and “appropriate department” to include a series of courses, customized styles of learning, or religious denominational or synodical differences.