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Overview

This bill makes changes to Minnesota's pupil transportation system.

Section

- 1 Area learning center pupils between buildings.** Broadens a school district's pupil transportation authority for students attending area learning centers by allowing the district to transport area learning center pupils between buildings if space exists on an existing bus.
- 2 Model training program.** Changes the Department of Education's responsibility from developing an age-appropriate comprehensive model of school bus safety training program to developing and maintaining a list of school bus safety training instructional materials.
- 3 Pupil transportation definitions.** Allows a school district to include in its special education costs the costs of using a school bus with a power lift for a curricular field trip if the lift is required by a student's disability.
- 4 District reports.** Authorizes a school district to record the expense of a contracted pupil transportation service as the actual cost of the contract under certain circumstances (under current law, pupil transportation expenses must be allocated on a cost-per-mile, cost-per-student, cost-per-hour, or cost-per route basis).