

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2031  
(Legislative Council)  
(Education Finance Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-40.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state transportation payments to school districts.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-40.1-18 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-40.1-18. State transportation payments to school districts.** The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the total amount of payments to be made to the school districts for transportation aid. The office of management and budget shall pay the sum certified by the superintendent of public instruction to each school district. Payments must be made in the same manner and at the same time as other payments from the state to school districts are made, as provided in section 15-40.1-05. No school district may receive more than ninety percent of the actual costs it incurs in the provision of transportation services. For purposes of this section, actual costs include the transportation operating expenditures reported to the superintendent of public instruction for the most recent year plus the eight-year average cost of transportation equipment determined by the superintendent of public instruction. Any district that has contracted for transportation services, however, may determine its actual costs for the first year it provides its own transportation services by using the statewide average cost of transportation during that first year.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2031.

Senate Vote:      Yeas      48              Nays      0              Absent      1

House Vote:      Yeas      95              Nays      0              Absent      2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State