

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1331
(Representatives Timm, Haas, R. Kelsch)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-30-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transportation of students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-30-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-30-01. Transportation or meals and lodging - Options of school board.

1. The board of a school district may:
 - a. Provide for the transportation of a student to and from school; or
 - b. If acceptable to the student's parent, reimburse the parent for expenses incurred in providing meals and lodging to the student outside the student's home, provided that the reimbursement may not exceed the amount permitted under subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-27.
2. A parent receiving payments under section 15.1-30-02 is not eligible to receive payments under this section.
3. If the board elects to provide for the transportation of students by public transit, the board shall establish eligibility criteria based on a minimum distance between a student's residence and the school. Except as otherwise provided by law, the board shall apply the criteria equally to all students in the district.
4. If the board closes one of several schools in the district, nothing in this section precludes the board from agreeing to provide transportation to those students who were placed in another school in the district because of the closure.
5. Benefits under this section are available even if a student is transported to another school district in or outside this state, provided the student's attendance meets all other conditions established by law.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1331.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 3 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 1 Absent 5

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State