

Introduced by Senator TorresFebruary 20, 2014

An act to add Section 41850.5 to the Education Code, relating to school transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1137, as introduced, Torres. School transportation: apportionments.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school. Existing law, among other things, requires each school district or county office of education that provides transportation to receive the same home-to-school and special education transportation allowances that it received in the prior fiscal year and prohibits the transportation allowances from exceeding the prior year's approved transportation costs, increased by the amount provided in the annual Budget Act.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the 2014–15 fiscal year to the 2019–20 fiscal year, inclusive, to apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity providing services under a school transportation joint powers agreement, or a regional occupational center or program that provides pupil transportation an amount equal to a specified annually increasing percentage of its approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100% of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year, whichever is greater.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41850.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 41850.5. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, for the
4 2014–15 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall apportion to each
5 school district, county office of education, entity providing services
6 under a school transportation joint powers agreement, or regional
7 occupational center or program that provides pupil transportation
8 services an amount equal to 40 percent of its approved
9 transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent of its
10 school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
11 whichever is greater.

12 (2) For the 2015–16 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
13 apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity
14 providing services under a school transportation joint powers
15 agreement, or regional occupational center or program that provides
16 pupil transportation services an amount equal to 42 percent of its
17 approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent
18 of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
19 whichever is greater.

20 (3) For the 2016–17 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
21 apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity
22 providing services under a school transportation joint powers
23 agreement, or regional occupational center or program that provides
24 pupil transportation services an amount equal to 44 percent of its
25 approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent
26 of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
27 whichever is greater.

28 (4) For the 2017–18 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
29 apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity
30 providing services under a school transportation joint powers
31 agreement, or regional occupational center or program that provides
32 pupil transportation services an amount equal to 46 percent of its
33 approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent
34 of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
35 whichever is greater.

36 (5) For the 2018–19 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
37 apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity
38 providing services under a school transportation joint powers

1 agreement, or regional occupational center or program that provides
2 pupil transportation services an amount equal to 48 percent of its
3 approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent
4 of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
5 whichever is greater.

6 (6) For the 2019–20 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
7 apportion to each school district, county office of education, entity
8 providing services under a school transportation joint powers
9 agreement, or regional occupational center or program that provides
10 pupil transportation services an amount equal to 50 percent of its
11 approved transportation costs for the prior fiscal year or 100 percent
12 of its school transportation apportionment for the prior fiscal year,
13 whichever is greater.

14 (b) The amounts apportioned pursuant to this section shall be
15 adjusted by the percentage change in the annual average value of
16 the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government
17 Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States, as published
18 by the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month
19 period ending in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year. This
20 percentage change shall be determined using the latest data
21 available as of May 10 of the preceding fiscal year compared with
22 the annual average value of the same deflator for the 12-month
23 period ending in the third quarter of the second preceding fiscal
24 year, using the latest data available as of May 10 of the preceding
25 fiscal year, as reported by the Department of Finance.

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