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HOUSE BILL **716-FN-A**

AN ACT relative to transportation costs of certain pupils and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Flanagan, Hills. 26; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the department of education shall reimburse the responsible school district for the transportation costs of a student who continues to attend school in the district he or she attended prior to placement by the court in an abuse or neglect proceeding. The bill makes an appropriation to the department of education for this purpose.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT relative to transportation costs of certain pupils and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Right of Attendance; Transportation Costs. Amend RSA 193:28, I to read as follows:

I. The public schools of the school district that the child attended prior to placement, if continuing in the same school district is in the best interest of the child as determined by the court, if the home is within a reasonable distance of the school to be attended, and if suitable transportation can be arranged without imposing additional transportation costs on a school district or the department of health and human services. ***The department of education shall reimburse the responsible school district for the transportation costs of a child in a court-ordered placement under RSA 169-C who continues to attend school in the district he or she attended prior to placement;*** or

2 Appropriation; Department of Education; Transportation Costs. The sum of \$300,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, is appropriated to the department of education for the purpose of reimbursing school districts for the cost of transportation costs of pupils in court-ordered placements under RSA 169-C who continue to attend school in the district attended prior to placement. The appropriation shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the department of education and, if the expenditure is a permitted use of the substance abuse and mental health services administration state **OPIOID** response grant, may be funded through such grant. In the alternative, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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FISCAL IMPACT: **State** **County** **Local** **None**

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Appropriation	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration State OPIOID Response Grant			

LOCAL:

Revenue	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Department of Education was originally contacted on December 31, 2018, and again with follow up on January 12, 2019 for a fiscal note worksheet, which they have not provided as of January 17, 2019.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Education to reimburse responsible school districts for the transportation costs of a child in a court-ordered placement who continues to attend school in the district he or she attended prior to placement. If it is a permitted use, this bill appropriates \$300,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, of the substance abuse and mental health services administration state **OPIOID** response grant for the purpose of this bill. However, if those funds cannot be used for the purpose of the bill, the \$300,000 would be appropriated from the general fund.

The Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) splits transportation costs, in certain cases, with school districts. In FY 2018, DCYF expended \$178,000 on educational transportation costs, with school districts contributing \$44,000, for a total of \$222,000. The Department assumes this bill would only result in reimbursements to school districts and have no impact on DCYF revenue or expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services