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# HOUSE BILL NO. 873

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CORCORAN (Sponsor), DARROUGH,  
LIESE AND FRASER (Co-sponsors).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 167.231, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to student transportation.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 167.231, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.231, to read as follows:

167.231. 1. Within all school districts except metropolitan districts the board of education shall provide transportation to and from school for all pupils living more than three and one-half miles from school and may provide transportation for all pupils. State aid for transportation shall be paid as provided in section 163.161, RSMo, only on the basis of the cost of pupil transportation for those pupils living one mile or more from school, including transportation provided to and from publicly operated university laboratory schools; **except that in districts of fifteen square miles or less, transportation costs for students who live less than one mile from their assigned school may be considered as reimbursable miles when the district can demonstrate that such students are required to cross a state highway, county arterial, or other major barrier that constitutes a safety problem.** The board of education may provide transportation for pupils living less than one mile from school at the expense of the district and may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as to eligibility of pupils for transportation. If no increase in the tax levy of the school district is required to provide transportation for pupils living less than one mile from the school, the board may transport said pupils. If an increase in the tax levy of the school district is required to provide

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 transportation for pupils living less than one mile from school, the board shall submit the  
17 question at a public election. If a two-thirds majority of the voters voting on the question at the  
18 election are in favor of providing the transportation, the board shall arrange and provide therefor.

19 2. The proposal and the ballots may be in substantially the following form:

20 Shall the board of education of the ..... school district provide transportation at the  
21 expense of the district for pupils living less than one mile from school and be authorized to levy  
22 an additional tax of ..... cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds  
23 to pay for such transportation service?

24  YES  NO

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26 (If you are in favor of the proposition (or question), place an X in the box opposite "YES". If  
27 you are opposed to the proposition (or question), place an X in the box opposite "NO".)

28 3. The board of education of any school district may provide transportation to and from  
29 school for any public school pupil not otherwise eligible for transportation under the provisions  
30 of state law, and may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as to eligibility for  
31 transportation, if the parents or guardian of the pupil agree in writing to pay the actual cost of  
32 transporting the pupil. The minimum charge would be the actual cost of transporting the pupil  
33 for ninety school days, which actual cost is to be determined by the average per pupil cost of  
34 transporting children in the school district during the preceding school year. The full actual cost  
35 shall be paid by the parent or guardian of the pupil and shall not be paid out of any state school  
36 aid funds or out of any other revenues of the school district. The cost of transportation may be  
37 paid in installments, and the board of education shall establish the cost of the transportation and  
38 the time or times and method of payment.