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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1180

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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.

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Section A. Section 167.231, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.231, to read as follows: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. 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, **and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no such district shall be subject to an administrative penalty when the district demonstrates pursuant to rule established by the state board of education that such students are required to cross a**

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.

12 **state highway or county arterial in the absence of sidewalks, traffic signals, or a crossing**
 13 **guard and that no existing bus stop location has been changed to permit a district to evade**
 14 **such penalty.** If no increase in the tax levy of the school district is required to provide
 15 transportation for pupils living less than one mile from the school, the board may transport said
 16 pupils. If an increase in the tax levy of the school district is required to provide transportation
 17 for pupils living less than one mile from school, the board shall submit the question at a public
 18 election. If a two-thirds majority of the voters voting on the question at the election are in favor
 19 of providing the transportation, the board shall arrange and provide therefor.

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

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

25 YES NO

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

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

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