

Sub. H. B. No. 96
As Passed by the Senate
EDUCD122, EDUCD6

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In the table on line 147269, in row Q, delete "\$881,585,414 1
\$958,729,701" and insert "\$882,035,414 \$959,179,701" 2

In the table on line 147269, in rows AB and BZ, add \$450,000 to each 3
fiscal year. 4

After line 147589, insert: 5

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation, 6
up to \$450,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide rural 7
transportation grants pursuant to the section of this act entitled "RURAL 8
TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM."" 9

After line 148689, insert: 10

"Section 265.600. RURAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM 11

(A) (1) The Rural Transportation Grant Program is created 12
for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The Department of Education and 13
Workforce shall award rural transportation grants each fiscal 14
year to dropout prevention and recovery community schools that 15
meet both of the following requirements: 16

(a) More than seventy-five per cent of the school's 17

students are economically disadvantaged, as determined by the 18
department; 19

(b) The school's territory is located in three counties 20
and contains more than twelve school districts. 21

(2) The Department shall determine the amount of each 22
grant awarded, but no grant shall exceed four hundred fifty 23
thousand dollars for any fiscal year. 24

(B) Schools shall use grants awarded under this section to 25
transport students." 26

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 27

Rural Transportation Grant Program 28

Section 265.600 29

Restores a House provision that requires DEW to award 30
rural transportation grants each fiscal year to dropout 31
prevention and recovery community schools that meet both of the 32
following requirements: 33

(1) More than 75% of the school's students are 34
economically disadvantaged; and 35

(2) The school's territory is located in three counties 36
and contains more than 12 school districts. 37

Limits the amount of each grant to \$450,000 for any fiscal 38
year. 39

Requires schools to use grants awarded under the fund for 40
student transportation. 41

Department of Education and Workforce 42

Sections 265.10 and 265.150 43

Increases GRF ALI 200502, Pupil Transportation, by 44
\$450,000 in each fiscal year and earmarks the increases for the 45
rural transportation grants described above. 46