

1 H.303

2 Introduced by Representative Botzow of Pownal

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; transportation; school districts

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a
7 school district, with the consent of its supervisory union, to be responsible for
8 providing school transportation services for the district.

9 An act relating to responsibility for providing transportation services

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 261a is amended to read:

12 § 261a. DUTIES OF SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD

13 (a) Duties. The board of each supervisory union shall:

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15 (8) Provide the following services for the benefit of member districts in
16 a manner that promotes the efficient use of financial and human resources,
17 which shall be provided pursuant to joint agreements under section 267 of this
18 title whenever feasible; provided, however, if a supervisory union determines
19 that services would be provided more efficiently and effectively in another

1 manner, then it may ask the Secretary to grant it a waiver from this
2 subdivision:

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4 (E) provide transportation or arrange for the provision of
5 transportation, or both in any districts in which it is offered within the
6 supervisory union;

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8 (d) Transportation. Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(8)(E) of this section, a
9 school district may provide transportation services for the district if:

10 (1) The board of the district and the board of its supervisory union
11 consent.

12 (2) The district pays the expenses of providing transportation services.

13 (3)(A) The district reimburses the supervisory union for any increase in
14 transportation costs incurred by the supervisory union or other districts within
15 the supervisory union resulting from the district providing transportation
16 services.

17 (B) The supervisory union pays the district a dollar amount
18 equivalent to any decrease in transportation costs incurred by the supervisory
19 union or other districts within the supervisory union resulting from the district
20 providing transportation services.

1 (4)(A) Notwithstanding section 4016 of this title, any reimbursement of
2 transportation expenditures paid under that section shall be limited to the
3 amount that would have been reimbursed if the supervisory union provided or
4 arranged for the provision of transportation services.

5 (B) The reimbursement amount shall be allocated among the
6 supervisory union and its member districts in the same amount and manner as
7 if the supervisory union provided or arranged for the provision of
8 transportation services.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.