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SENATE BILL 5367

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By Senators Becker and Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the pupil transportation funding  
2 formula to address underfunded school districts that operate pupil  
3 transportation efficiently; and amending RCW 28A.160.191.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.191 and 2009 c 548 s 309 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that  
8 the allocation formula results in an adequate ((appropriation))  
9 allocation for low enrollment districts, nonhigh districts, districts  
10 involved in cooperative transportation agreements, and cooperative  
11 special transportation services operated by educational service  
12 districts. If necessary, the superintendent shall develop a separate  
13 process to adjust the allocation of the districts.

14 (2) The superintendent must establish a transportation allocation  
15 adjustment process to address underfunded districts operating pupil  
16 transportation efficiently. A district operates pupil transportation  
17 efficiently if the district's pupil transportation cost per student  
18 is less than the statewide average. A pupil transportation allocation  
19 adjustment may not exceed the amount of funding necessary to bring  
20 the underfunded district up to the state's pupil transportation  
21 funding average. For the purpose of this section, the "state's pupil

1 transportation funding average" means state funding for pupil  
2 transportation as a percentage of total pupil transportation costs  
3 for school districts.

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