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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: ALL SENATORS  
FROM: Stewart J. Greenleaf *Stewart*  
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship -- **Pupil Transportation**

I am reintroducing **Senate Bill 350**, amending the Public School Code of 1949 (Act 14) to shorten the distance a student must reside from school to qualify for bus transportation.

School districts presently receive payments for pupil transportation for each elementary school student who resides at least one and one half miles from school and each secondary school student who resides at least two miles from school. My legislation reduces these distances to three-quarters of a mile for elementary school students and one and one-half miles for secondary school students. I am proposing this legislation for the safety of those students.

Many students are required to walk between home and school every day. Several concerned parents have contacted my office about the distance that their children are required to walk to school. Given the amount of traffic in these areas as opposed to years ago, one and one half miles seems like an unsafe distance for elementary school children to be required to walk. I believe that we must take into account the changing times, the number of people driving on these roadways, and make the changes necessary to protect our children.

*If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at [psnively@pasen.gov](mailto:psnively@pasen.gov).*