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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for payments for  
6 pupil transportation.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2541(c)(1) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended November 20, 1979 (P.L.465, No.97), are amended and the  
12 subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

13 Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.--

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15 (c) Payments for pupil transportation on account of the  
16 school year [1979-1980] 1996-1997 and every school year  
17 thereafter shall be made only in the following cases:

1       (1) To all school districts for the transportation to and  
2 from school of elementary school pupils[, including kindergarten  
3 pupils] from the fourth through the sixth grade, residing one  
4 and one-half (1 1/2) miles or more by the nearest public highway  
5 from the school in which the pupils are enrolled and to which  
6 transportation is authorized under section 1361 of this act or  
7 residing in areas where the road or traffic conditions are such  
8 that walking constitutes a hazard to the safety of the child  
9 when so certified by the Department of Transportation. The  
10 Department of Transportation shall take into account the  
11 presence of sidewalks along the highway, but such presence or  
12 lack thereof shall not be controlling and the department shall  
13 consider all relevant safety factors in making its determination  
14 as to whether or not walking constitutes a hazard to pupils.  
15 Such elementary school pupils shall include nonresident children  
16 who are placed in the home of a resident, or who are residents  
17 of an orphanage, or home or children's home or other institution  
18 for the care and training of orphans or other children.

19       (1.1) To all school districts for the transportation to and  
20 from school of pupils kindergarten through third grade,  
21 regardless of distance of residence.

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23       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.