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SUMMARY

- Exempts school districts and educational service centers, for the 2020-2021 school year, from the prohibition of reducing transportation to students they are not required to transport after the first day of the school year.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Prohibition of reducing transportation for certain students

State law generally requires each city, local, and exempted village school district to transport to and from school any students in grades K-8 who (1) reside in the district, (2) attend a district school, chartered nonpublic school, community school, or STEM school, and (3) are enrolled in a school that is more than two miles from the student's home. However, a school district may choose to transport students it is not required to transport.¹

If a district board of education chooses to transport students it is not required to transport, current law prohibits the district board from reducing transportation services to those students after the first day of the school year.²

The bill exempts school districts and educational service centers (ESCs) from that prohibition for the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, school districts and ESCs again will be prohibited from reducing transportation services to students

¹ R.C. 3327.01, not in the bill.

² R.C. 3327.015, not in the bill.

that the school district or ESC chooses, but is not required, to transport after the first day of the school year.³

For a detailed description of school transportation requirements, please see the LSC Members Brief, volume 133, issue 14, at <https://www.lsc.ohio.gov/documents/reference/current/membersonlybriefs/133%20Transportation%20of%20Students.pdf>.

HISTORY

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³ Section 1.