



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 88**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 299

*Senate, March 21, 2002*

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation  
2 shall study the routes of public transportation services and student  
3 transportation services provided by local or regional boards of  
4 education including, but not limited to, routes for transportation  
5 provided to students attending charter schools, nonpublic schools and  
6 interdistrict magnet schools and to students participating in the state-  
7 wide interdistrict public school attendance program. On or before  
8 October 1, 2003, the department shall identify bus routes that could be  
9 consolidated, rerouted or eliminated in a report submitted to the joint  
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of  
12 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
TF - Cost	Transportation, Dept.	804,000 to 1,554,000	268,000 to 518,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill results in a one-time cost to the Department of Transportation (DOT) estimated at \$1,072,000 to \$2,072,000<sup>1</sup>. It requires DOT to study the routes of public transportations services and student transportation services provided by local or regional boards of education. The study should identify bus routes that could be consolidated, rerouted or eliminated. It must be presented to the Education Committee by October 1, 2003.

The department will hire a consultant to conduct the study at an estimated cost of from \$1 million to \$2 million. This estimate is based on other major studies that consultants have conducted for DOT in the last several years. In addition, one staff person will be dedicated to managing the contract and the consultant, at an annual salary of \$72,000. This estimate does not include the costs to administer the bidding and selection process which includes 1) writing the request for proposal, 2) advertising, 3) evaluating the proposals, and 4) negotiating the terms of the contract with the selected consultant.

<sup>1</sup> These one-time costs are prorated over FY 03 and FY 04 and assume that the consultant will not begin the study until October 1, 2002.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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