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Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5215
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 5215 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4	"Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5	29-6.4 as follows:
6	(105 ILCS 5/29-6.4)
7	Sec. 29-6.4. Non-contract transportation; bids;
8	reimbursement. A school board of a school district that
9	provides transportation of its pupils to and from school or
10	buses that are owned by the district that are operated by
11	drivers who are employed by the district shall, if it receives
12	a timely request from an interested private school bus
13	contractor that the district provide that transportation under
14	contract, solicit sealed bids for that purpose. <u>A district or</u>
15	special education cooperative is not required to respond to
16	such a request more than once every 3 years. For purposes of
17	this Section, A a request shall not be considered timely <u>if</u>
18	unless it is made in writing by certified mail, return receipt
19	requested, addressed to the school board of the district at the
20	administrative offices or any school of the district,
21	postmarked not more than 24 months <u>or</u> nor less than 3 months
22	before the expiration of the collective bargaining or other
23	agreement that is in effect at the time the request is made and
24	that governs the terms and conditions of employment of the

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school bus drivers employed by the district. All requests shall 1 2 be made in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, 3 addressed to the school board of the district at the administrative offices or any school of the district. At the 4 5 conclusion of the bidding process, the school board shall publicly announce the district's fully allocated costs of 6 7 providing transportation of its pupils to and from school under its present system and thereupon may (i) elect to enter into a 8 contract as provided in Section 29-6.1 with the 9 lowest 10 responsible bidder for transportation of the district's pupils from school or (ii) elect to continue providing 11 to and transportation of its pupils to and from school under its 12 present system. In the event the school board elects to 13 14 continue providing transportation of the district's pupils to 15 and from school under its present system even though the district's fully allocated costs of doing so exceed the amount 16 of the lowest responsible bid received by the school board for 17 18 transportation of the district's pupils to and from school, the 19 school board shall publicly announce at a regularly scheduled 20 meeting of the board held within 30 days after making its 21 election to continue providing pupil transportation under its present system (i) the fully allocated costs of providing 22 transportation of the district's pupils to and from school 23 24 under its present system, and (ii) the amount of each of the 25 sealed bids submitted to the school board, identifying which of 26 the sealed bid amounts was the lowest responsible bid.

As used in this Section the term "fully allocated costs" 27 28 includes both the fixed and variable direct costs of the labor, 29 capital, and material resources that are used by the school district exclusively for purposes of providing transportation 30 31 of the district's pupils to and from school plus that portion 32 of the district's shared costs as is fairly allocable to the 33 products, services, and facilities necessary to provide transportation of the district's pupils to and from school. 34

Direct costs of labor, capital, and material resources used 1 2 exclusively to provide pupil transportation include the wages, 3 payroll costs, and associated fringe benefits of school bus 4 drivers, mechanics, and any supervisory or administrative 5 personnel whose services relate exclusively to pupil transportation personnel or services, fuel, lubricants, tires, 6 7 tubes, related material costs incurred in providing pupil 8 transportation, depreciation costs associated with school buses and other vehicles, including spare vehicles, used to 9 10 provide pupil transportation, and costs of facilities and equipment maintained exclusively to service, garage, or park 11 vehicles used for pupil transportation purposes. "Shared 12 13 costs" means the aggregate cost of the labor, capital, and 14 material resources that are used in common by the district for 15 a multiplicity of purposes, including the purpose of providing transportation of the district's pupils to and from school. The 16 17 the management, administration, costs of and underlying support 18 infrastructure that multiplicity of а services 19 provided by the school district (including pupil 20 transportation services) constitute shared costs within the 21 meaning of this Section, and to the extent they are fairly allocable to pupil transportation services they are included 22 23 within the term fully allocated costs as used in this Section. 24 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules setting 25 forth the manner in which a district's fully allocated costs of 26 providing transportation of its pupils to and from school under a non-contractual system shall be determined and computed for 27 28 purposes of this Section. However, those rules shall be 29 consistent with the provisions of this paragraph and shall 30 follow recognized principles of fully allocated costing 31 analysis in the transit industry, including generally accepted 32 methods of identifying and estimating the principal cost 33 elements of maintaining and operating a pupil transportation 34 system.

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1 (Source: P.A. 89-151, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)".