

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2025 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB2720S1

**Patron:** Austin

**Bill Title:** School boards; pupil transportation; alternatives; requirements.

**Bill Summary:** The bill provides that any school board that governs a school division with a total fall membership enrollment of fewer than 4,500 students may take several actions to expand the availability of allowable alternatives to traditional school bus transportation services relating to the transportation of students to and from school or school-related activities. Directs any local school board that chooses to implement a pilot program pursuant to this legislation to report certain data annually to the Department of Education, and directs the Department of Education to exclude from the re-benchmarking process any additional expenditures relating to school divisions that implement the pilot program in accordance with the provisions of this legislation when adjusted for inflation. This bill has a sunset date of July 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** There is no anticipated state impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

**Fiscal Summary:** See below.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from this bill.

**Other:** None.