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Measure Description:

Establishes grant program under which Department of Education awards grants to school districts for percentage of certain student transportation costs for which school district does not receive any amount in distributions from State School Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$250,000	
Total Funds	\$250,000	\$0

Analysis:

The bill directs the Department of Education (ODE) to award grands to public school districts for up to 50% of student transportation costs which are not reimbursed by the State School Fund. The State Board of Education must adopt criteria for which applications will be reviewed by. A school district that receives a grant may transfer a portion of the grant to a public charter school. The bill specifies the manner in which grant awards should be determined. \$250,000 General Fund is appropriated to ODE in the 2017-19 biennium which must be expended for the grant program.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the total number of grant awards is indeterminate therefore the workload impact to ODE to administer the grants is not fully determinable at this time. The agency may need to return to the Emergency Board to request expenditure limitation or position authority for resources necessary to administer the program once grant requests are known.