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LEGISLATIVE BILL 507

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1129, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to
- 3 transportation expenses for children with disabilities; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 79-1129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-1129 (1) The school board of the resident school district shall
4 provide one of the following types of services to children with
5 disabilities:

6 (a) Provide for the transportation expenses for children with
7 disabilities who are forced to leave the school district temporarily
8 because of lack of educational services. A parent or guardian
9 transporting such a child shall be paid for each day of attendance at the
10 mileage rate provided in section 81-1176 for each actual mile or fraction
11 thereof traveled between the place of residence and the program of
12 attendance, and when any parent or guardian transports more than one
13 child with a disability in his or her custody or control enrolled in
14 programs at the same location, the amount of payments to such parent or
15 guardian shall be based upon the transportation of one such child. No
16 transportation payments shall be made to a parent or guardian for mileage
17 not actually traveled by such parent or guardian;

18 (b) Provide for the transportation expenses ~~within the school~~
19 ~~district~~ of any child with a disability enrolled in the school district
20 who is enrolled in a special educational program of the district when
21 either (i) the child is required to attend a facility other than what
22 would be the normal school or attendance facility of the child to receive
23 appropriate special educational services or (ii) the nature of the
24 child's disability is such that special transportation is required. A
25 parent or guardian transporting such child shall be paid for each day of
26 attendance at the mileage rate provided in section 81-1176 for each
27 actual mile or fraction thereof traveled between the place of residence
28 and the program of attendance, and when any parent or guardian transports
29 more than one child with a disability in his or her custody or control
30 enrolled in programs at the same location, the amount of payments to such
31 parent or guardian shall be based upon the transportation of one such

1 child. No transportation payments shall be made to a parent or guardian
2 for mileage not actually traveled by such parent or guardian;

3 (c) Provide visiting teachers for homebound children with
4 disabilities. Such teachers shall be certified and qualified in the same
5 manner as required for other teachers in Nebraska;

6 (d) Provide correspondence instruction approved by the Commissioner
7 of Education; or

8 (e) Provide any other method of instruction approved by the
9 Commissioner of Education.

10 (2) When a child with a disability resides in or attends a preschool
11 or child care program in a school district other than the school district
12 of residence of his or her parents or guardian, the nonresident school
13 district may, upon mutual agreement with the school district of
14 residence, provide for the transportation expenses of the child.

15 **Sec. 2.** Original section 79-1129, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is repealed.