LEGISLATIVE BILL 597

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AN ACT relating to special education; to amend section 79-3333, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 15, Ninety-second Legislature, Third Special Session, 1992; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for minor building modifications as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 79-3333, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 15, Ninety-second Legislature, Third Special Session, 1992, be amended to read as follows:

79-3333. Sufficient funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature to carry out sections 79-3331 to 79-3333, 79-3335, and 79-3336. Such funds shall be channeled through the office of the State Department of Education. The department shall be authorized to expend such funds upon proper vouchers approved by the department and warrants issued by the Director of Administrative Services for financial reimbursement to local school districts, educational service units, special education cooperatives created by school districts, agencies, and parents or guardians, including (1) reimbursement for ninety percent of the amount expended pursuant to section 79-3322 for actual transportation expenses per year for handicapped children and children with mental retardation, (2) reimbursement for instructional aids and consultative, supervisory, research, and testing services to local school districts, and (3) reimbursement for salaries, wages, maintenance, supplies, travel, and other expenses essential to carrying out the provisions for special education. Minor building modifications shall not be eligible for state reimbursement as an allowable expense beginning with the reimbursement provided in fiscal year 1993-94 except for those projects or portions thereof completed prior to August 31, 1992, and paid for by the school district on or before December 31, 1992. Documentation of projects or portions thereof completed during the 1991-92 school year shall be provided to the State Department of Education. Applications for state reimbursement for actual transportation expenses shall be submitted to the department annually on a date and prescribed by the State Department of Education to the department on forms prescribed by the department. Amendments to applications for actual transportation expenses shall be submitted on dates prescribed by the department during the school year in which the original application was made.

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Sec. 2. That original section 79-3333, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 15, Ninety-second Legislature, Third Special Session, 1992, is repealed.