

Program: To and From Pupil Transportation

Problem Statement: Students in districts that live beyond 1.5 miles from the elementary school site (grades K-6), or 2 miles for secondary site (grades 7-12) need to be able to get to school to access public education. Additionally, the state is required to provide transportation for students with an individual education plan (IEP) for transportation.

Resources:

- \$130,772,500 for FY 2025
- No FTE specific to the program, considered part of MSP Admin
- State can only pay up to 85% of the total cost, the LEA is responsible for the other 15% from other revenue
 - State does not currently allow for/fund reimbursement for the purchasing of buses

Core Strategies (Outputs):

- School districts create transportation options for students to travel to and from school.
 - Leasing or contracting for bus services
 - Fuel
 - Transportation staff FTEs
 - Insurance
 - Maintenance
- USBE distributes applicable funding to districts based on eligible minutes and miles.
- Safety guidance and resources for best practices in transportation for LEAs

Short Term Outcomes:

- Number of students being transported to and from school
- Accident data for school transportation by routes and by LEA
- Quality of service of transportation
 - Ex. Wait time of students for transportation

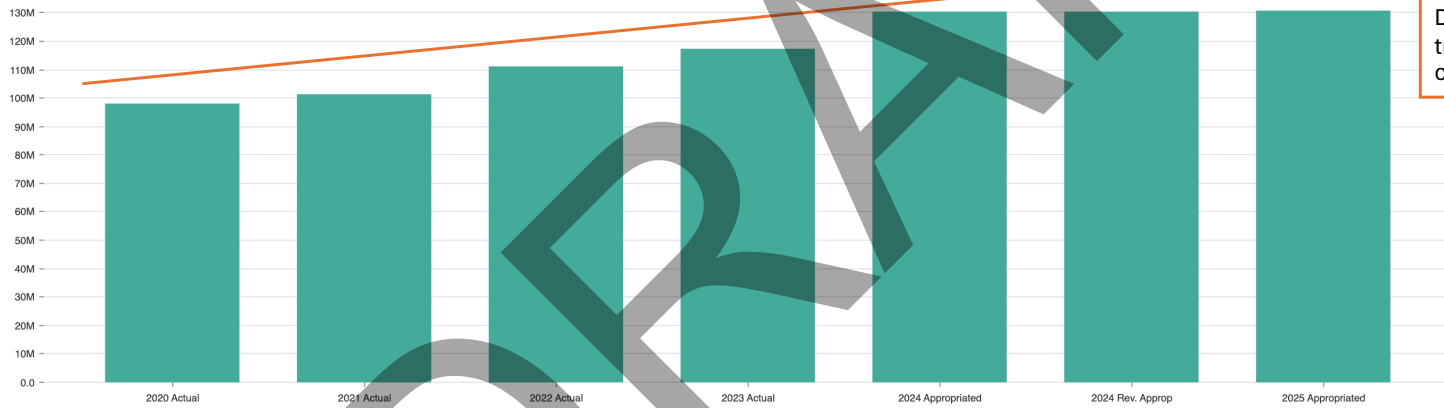
Performance Measure(s) Alignment:

- % of students in grades 1-12 in public schools that are chronically absent

Financial Data



Appropriation History by Expenditure Category



Total Required to fund the full 85% of District transportation costs

Show: **Budget Information** FTEs, Vehicles, WPU, etc.

Categories of Expenditure	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Appropriated	2024 Rev. Approp	2025 Appropriated
Other Charges/Pass Thru	97,944,700	101,421,000	111,106,500	117,446,900	130,493,700	130,493,700	130,775,200

USBE Program Support and Administration

USBE Personnel

(Roles and Responsibilities)

Pupil Transportation Specialist

- Distributes applicable funding to districts based on eligible minutes and miles
- Provide oversight of the laws and regulations for school transportation
- Support LEA staff with site visits and instruction opportunities

Fiscal Administration Requirements

- Reimbursement program for to and from transportation funds to districts.
- Support other state agencies with transportation data (Division of Air Quality, Grant Opportunities for replacing school buses)

Monitoring/Evaluation Requirements

- Monitor that the maximum value reimbursed is no more than 85% of their total transportation costs.
- Provide data to state auditor for Project Kids website
- Support OLAG annual auditing of LEA transportation funds with records and processes
- We have an assignment for this program to an MSP fiscal monitor

Recommended Alignment to R277-114

Category: XX

Rationale: XX

Policy Questions for the Board

- *Are there changes to rule/code that the Board may consider?*
- *Are there additional resources or recommendations for reduction that the Board may consider?*
- *Are there future opportunities for alignment, merging, or sunset of the program that the Board may consider?*