

SB1482



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1482

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 45/1-15

Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Provides that the State Board of Education may by rule establish limits on the duration and extent of agreements for the transport of a homeless child to the school district of origin after the homeless child begins living in another school district.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Education for Homeless Children Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1-15 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 45/1-15)

7 Sec. 1-15. Transportation to school of origin. Subject to
8 the provisions of Article 29 of the School Code, if a child
9 becomes a homeless child or if a homeless child changes his or
10 her temporary living arrangements, and if the homeless child's
11 parents or guardians decide to continue the child's education
12 in the school of origin, the parents or guardians shall make a
13 good faith effort to provide or arrange for transportation to
14 and from the school of origin, including authorizing relatives,
15 friends, or a program for homeless persons to provide the child
16 with transportation to and from the school of origin. If
17 transportation to and from the school of origin is not provided
18 in that manner, it shall be provided in the following manner:

19 (1) if the homeless child continues to live in the
20 school district in which the school of origin is located,
21 the child's transportation to and from the school of origin
22 shall be provided or arranged by the school district in
23 which the school of origin is located consistent with the

1 requirements of Article 29 of the School Code; and
2 (2) if the homeless child's living arrangements in the
3 school district of origin terminate and the child, though
4 continuing his or her education in the school of origin,
5 begins living in another school district, the school
6 district of origin and the school district in which the
7 homeless child is living shall meet to apportion the
8 responsibility and costs for providing the child with
9 transportation to and from the school of origin. If the
10 school districts are unable to agree, the responsibility
11 and costs for transportation shall be shared equally. The
12 State Board of Education may by rule establish limits on
13 the duration and extent of agreements established under
14 this paragraph (2).

15 If a parent or guardian chooses to have the child attend
16 the school of origin, that parent or guardian, a teacher of the
17 child, and the principal or his or her designee from the school
18 of origin may meet at the option of the parent or the school to
19 evaluate whether that travel is in the best interest of the
20 child's development and education as compared to the
21 development and education available in attending the school
22 nearest the child's abode. The meeting shall also include
23 consideration of the best interests of the homeless family at
24 its current abode. A parent may bring a representative of his
25 or her choice to the meeting. The meeting shall be convened if
26 travel time is longer than one hour each way.

1 (Source: P.A. 88-634, eff. 1-1-95; 88-686, eff. 1-24-95.)