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To amend section 3327.01 of the Revised Code to 1  
require school districts to transport pupils in 2  
grades kindergarten through eight who live within 3  
two miles of school but do not have access to a 4  
sidewalk or path constructed for pedestrian use en 5  
route to school. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3327.01 of the Revised Code be 7  
amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3327.01.** Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.19 9  
and division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this 10  
section and sections 3327.011, 3327.012, and 3327.02 of the 11  
Revised Code do not apply to any joint vocational or cooperative 12  
education school district. 13

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts 14  
where resident school pupils in grades kindergarten through eight 15  
live more than two miles from, or live within two miles from but 16  
do not have access to a sidewalk or a path constructed for 17  
pedestrian use en route to, the school for which the state board 18  
of education prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) 19

of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and to which they are 20  
assigned by the board of education of the district of residence or 21  
~~to and from~~ the nonpublic or community school which they attend 22  
the board of education shall provide transportation for such 23  
pupils to and from such school except as provided in section 24  
3327.02 of the Revised Code. 25

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts 26  
where pupil transportation is required under a career-technical 27  
plan approved by the state board of education under section 28  
3313.90 of the Revised Code, for any student attending a 29  
career-technical program operated by another school district, 30  
including a joint vocational school district, as prescribed under 31  
that section, the board of education of the student's district of 32  
residence shall provide transportation from the public high school 33  
operated by that district to which the student is assigned to the 34  
career-technical program. 35

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts the 36  
board may provide transportation for resident school pupils in 37  
grades nine through twelve to and from the high school to which 38  
they are assigned by the board of education of the district of 39  
residence or to and from the nonpublic or community high school 40  
which they attend for which the state board of education 41  
prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 42  
3301.07 of the Revised Code. 43

A board of education shall not be required to transport 44  
elementary or high school pupils to and from a nonpublic or 45  
community school where such transportation would require more than 46  
thirty minutes of direct travel time as measured by school bus 47  
from the public school building to which the pupils would be 48  
assigned if attending the public school designated by the district 49  
of residence. 50

Where it is impractical to transport a pupil by school 51

conveyance, a board of education may offer payment, in lieu of 52  
providing such transportation in accordance with section 3327.02 53  
of the Revised Code. 54

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts the 55  
board shall provide transportation for all children who are so 56  
disabled that they are unable to walk to and from the school for 57  
which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards 58  
pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code 59  
and which they attend. In case of dispute whether the child is 60  
able to walk to and from the school, the health commissioner shall 61  
be the judge of such ability. In all city, exempted village, and 62  
local school districts the board shall provide transportation to 63  
and from school or special education classes for educable mentally 64  
retarded children in accordance with standards adopted by the 65  
state board of education. 66

When transportation of pupils is provided the conveyance 67  
shall be run on a time schedule that shall be adopted and put in 68  
force by the board not later than ten days after the beginning of 69  
the school term. 70

The cost of any transportation service authorized by this 71  
section shall be paid first out of federal funds, if any, 72  
available for the purpose of pupil transportation, and secondly 73  
out of state appropriations, in accordance with regulations 74  
adopted by the state board of education. 75

No transportation of any pupils shall be provided by any 76  
board of education to or from any school which in the selection of 77  
pupils, faculty members, or employees, practices discrimination 78  
against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, or 79  
national origin. 80

**Section 2.** That existing section 3327.01 of the Revised Code 81  
is hereby repealed. 82