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**H. B. No. 293**

**Representative Brenner**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Stebelton, Amstutz, Buchy, Beck, Becker,  
Blessing**

**—**

**A BILL**

To enact section 3327.18 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish the School District Transportation 2  
Consolidation Pilot Program and to make an 3  
appropriation. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 3327.18 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 3327.18.** (A) The school district transportation 7  
consolidation pilot program is hereby established. Under the 8  
program, the department of education shall award grants on a 9  
competitive basis to consortia of school districts and educational 10  
service centers that enter into agreements to regionalize student 11  
transportation. To be eligible to receive a grant under this 12  
section, a consortium shall consist of two or more school 13  
districts and an educational service center which have entered 14  
into mutual agreements whereby participating school districts 15  
equitably share costs of student transportation as arranged and 16  
coordinated by the educational service center. The purpose of each 17  
grant awarded under this section shall be to pay start-up costs 18

associated with the regionalization agreement. No single grant 19  
award shall exceed five million dollars. The participating 20  
educational service center shall be the fiscal agent for the grant 21  
award. 22

(B) The regionalization agreement between the participating 23  
school districts and educational service center supported by any 24  
grant awarded under this section shall specify, at a minimum, the 25  
following: 26

(1) A stipulation that a portion of the moneys received under 27  
the grant shall be used for covering costs associated with 28  
implementing the regionalization agreement, including the purchase 29  
of additional school buses and other goods and services necessary 30  
to implement the agreement. 31

(2) The manner in which any savings resulting from the 32  
regionalization agreement will be shared among the participating 33  
school districts; 34

(3) Whether or not the educational service center shall 35  
contract with a regional transit authority or other approved 36  
transportation provider to provide transportation services to 37  
students; 38

(4) A stipulation specifying the materials and financial 39  
resources that may be contributed by the participating school 40  
districts; 41

(5) The aggregate fees to be charged by the fiscal agent and 42  
any agency with which it subcontracts to cover personnel and 43  
program costs with administering the agreement. Such fees shall 44  
not exceed seven per cent of the value of the agreement and shall 45  
be subject to controlling board approval if in excess of four per 46  
cent of the value of the agreement. 47

(C)(1) Not later than December 31, 2015, a school district 48

that participates in a grant awarded under this section shall 49  
report to the department on the progress and outcomes of the pilot 50  
program. 51

(2) Not later than July 1, 2016, the department shall issue a 52  
report to the general assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 53  
of the Revised Code, and to the governor, based on the reports 54  
under division (B)(1) of this section, on the progress and 55  
outcomes of the pilot program. 56

(D) The amount paid to or spent on behalf of a school 57  
district under this section is in addition to any amount 58  
calculated and paid to the district under section 3317.0212 of the 59  
Revised Code. 60

(E) The pilot project established under this section shall 61  
cease to exist on July 1, 2018. 62

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby appropriated 63  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 64  
credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this 65  
act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2014 and those 66  
in the second column are for fiscal year 2015. The appropriations 67  
made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made 68  
for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 69

Appropriations

EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 70

General Revenue Fund 71

GRF 200466 Transportation \$ 25,000,000 \$ 25,000,000 72

Consolidation Grants

TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$ 25,000,000 \$ 25,000,000 73

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ 25,000,000 \$ 25,000,000 74

TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATION GRANTS 75

The foregoing appropriation item 200466, Transportation 76

Consolidation Grants, shall be used by the Department of Education 77  
to award grants under the School District Transportation 78  
Consolidation Pilot Program pursuant to section 3327.18 of the 79  
Revised Code. 80

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of 81  
the foregoing appropriation item 200466, Transportation 82  
Consolidation Grants, at the end of fiscal year 2014 is hereby 83  
reappropriated to the Department of Education for the same purpose 84  
for fiscal year 2015. 85

**Section 3.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 86  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 87  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 88  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 89  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 90  
appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 91  
though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 92  
General Assembly. 93

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 94  
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 95  
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 96  
appropriations. 97