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3 (By Delegates Fleischauer, Barker, Martin,

4 Brown and Lawrence)

5 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the

6 Committee on Education then Finance.]

FISCAL NOTE

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by

11 adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-48, relating to

12 county boards of education; requiring that transportation to

13 and from school be provided for each child that needs or

14 desires transportation; requiring that each board establish

15 and observe strict transportation schedules for its bussing

16 students; and requiring that new routes scheduled limit the

17 periods of travel.

18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

19 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended

20 by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-48, to read as

21 follows:

22 **ARTICLE 5.   COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

23 **§18-5-48.   Duty of the county board of education to provide and**

24 **adhere to reasonable transportation schedules.**

1   (a) Beginning the school year 2011-2012 and continuing

2 thereafter, each county board of education shall provide

3 transportation to and from school for each school child in the

4 county that needs or desires transportation.

5   (b) Beginning the school year 2012-2013 and continuing

6 thereafter, each county board of education shall establish,

7 maintain and adhere to schedules for the transportation of students

8 to and from school. Those schedules shall set forth the times for

9 picking up and dropping off students. In no event may a board

10 create a new bus route in which the times allotted between initial

11 pick up and final drop off of any student exceed the following

12 times:

13   (1) For middle school students, forty-five minutes; and

14   (2) For high school students, sixty minutes.

     NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require school boards to
set and maintain reliable bussing schedules for bussing students
and to limit the duration of travel for the students, based upon
their age group.

     This section is new; therefore, it has been completely
underscored.