



SENATE BILL 301: Regional School Transportation.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Education/Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	April 3, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 301 would remove the date by which the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee (JLEOC) was to make recommendations to the General Assembly about various issues regarding regional schools and directs that the transportation provided to students in regional schools continue in a substantially similar way as provided in the 2018-2019 school year.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS: In Section 7.16 of S.L. 2018-5, the JLEOC was directed to study the current statutory requirements for the formation, approval, and expansion of regional schools as well as whether a withdrawal process for participating local school administrative units (LEAs) from a regional school should be added to the statutes.

The bill modifies Section 7.16 of S.L. 2018-5 by removing the date by which JLEOC was to report to the General Assembly on any recommended changes to the regional school statutes. As a result, there would be no deadline by which the recommendations would have to be made.

Section 7.16 of S.L. 2018-5 also stated that participating LEAs will: (i) continue to receive allotments for student seats; (ii) transfer local funds to the regional school; (iii) continue to provide transportation; and (iv) comply with all other statutory requirements for LEAs participating in a regional school.

The bill directs that the LEAs must continue to provide transportation that is substantially similar to the transportation provided to the students in the 2018-2019 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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