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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Exempts school district boards of education from planning transportation schedules based on the start and end times of chartered nonpublic schools to which the district provides transportation services.
- Requires each community school and chartered nonpublic school annually to submit to the school district that provides transportation for its students the school's daily start and end times, calendar for the upcoming school year, and address of each student who will receive transportation from the district.
- Declares an emergency.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Chartered nonpublic school student transportation

The bill exempts the board of education of a school district from planning the district's transportation schedule based on the start and end times of the chartered nonpublic schools to which the district provides transportation services for elementary or high school students enrolled in those schools. However, it continues to require that districts and nonpublic schools to consult with each other when changing their respective transportation schedules and hours of operation as required under separate current law.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3327.01. See R.C. 3313.48(F), not in the bill.

## Community school and chartered nonpublic school information to districts

The bill requires each community school and chartered nonpublic school, by July 1 each year, to submit to the school district that provides transportation services for its students the school's daily start and end times, calendar for the upcoming school year, and address of each student who will receive transportation from the district.<sup>2</sup>

### Background – requirement to transport generally

Each city, exempted village, and local school district is generally required to transport to and from school any student in grades K to 8 who resides in the district and is enrolled in a district school, chartered nonpublic school, community school, or STEM school that is more than two miles from the student's home. A district is not obligated to transport any nonpublic, community, or STEM school student if the direct travel time exceeds 30 minutes, by school bus, between (1) the district school building to which the student otherwise would be assigned and (2) the student's school, regardless of distance. School districts are permitted, but generally not required, to provide transportation for resident high school students. However, should a district opt to transport its high school students, it must offer transportation to students of the same high school grades attending chartered nonpublic, community, and STEM high schools.<sup>3</sup>

For a detailed description of school transportation requirements, please see the LSC Members Brief, volume 133, issue 14, at <https://www.lsc.ohio.gov/documents/reference/current/membersonlybriefs/133%20Transportation%20of%20Students.pdf>.

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3301.165 and 3314.09.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3327.01.