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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7001**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1253

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 27, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 26, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Special Purpose School Buses.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Robertson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill allows a school corporation to use special purpose buses to provide regular transportation of school children from their residences to school and from one school to another school.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) Under the bill, school transportation expenditures could be reduced given that special purpose buses are probably cheaper to operate than a regular bus. Schools would be able to use special purpose buses for regular transportation of students from one school to another school. The bill would not allow use of special purpose buses for regular transportation of students between their residence and school.

Under current law, special purpose buses may be used to transport students enrolled in special programs for the habilitation of developmentally disabled or physically disabled students. The bill would allow use of these buses to transport special program students between their residence and school.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:**

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