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Chartered Public Schools; Establishment; Parental Choice; Admission

RSA 194-B:2

This Technical Advisory provides information regarding transportation of students attending Charter Public Schools

HB 1272, signed by Governor Hassan on June 10, 2016, amended the language related to transportation of students attending charter public schools to require the school districts in which the charter schools are located, to transport the charter school students residing in the district, to the charter school.

The amended language, which is in bold font for convenience, is posted below:

RSA 194-B:2, Attendance at a chartered public school for the purposes of transportation shall not constitute assignment under the provisions of RSA 189:6 and RSA 189:8. Pupils who reside in the school district in which the chartered public school is located shall be provided transportation to that school by the district on the same terms and conditions as provided for *non-chartered* public schools *in the* district *and utilizing the same regular bus schedules and routes that are provided to pupils attending non-chartered public schools within that district.*

Given this change, the district must provide transportation for charter school students to the charter school in such a manner as to allow the charter school students to meet the requirements of RSA 189:1 and Ed 306.18. <u>The school district shall bear the cost of transporting the charter school students to the charter school.</u>

The school district must only provide transportation for charter school students, to the charter school, on days in which it is providing transportation for non-charter public school students.

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