

Senate Bill 1216

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Dear Friends,

When I appeared before the House Education Committee on August 4th among other things I advocated for legislation that would require public school districts to provide transportation to private school students regardless of whether the public school was in virtual mode.

Consequently, I was delighted to learn that in September Senate Bill 1216 was amended with a section requiring public school districts to transport private school students in the 2020-2021 school year (see below).

The bill bounced back and forth through the legislative process. As COVID rates swelled and some districts announced a move back to virtual thus impacting the transportation of private school students, I encouraged you to join with PAIS and PACAPE in writing each member of the Senate Education Committee, urging them to pass the bill.

We received good news on Wednesday that Senate Bill 1216 passed the Senate by a vote of 49-0. This afternoon the bill passed in the House by a vote of 202 - 0. The Governor is expected to sign it very shortly. The bill will take effect immediately upon his signing.

This will be good news to many of you.

Best!

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As it relates to the provision of transportation for nonpublic schools for the 2020-2021 school year, if transportation was provided during the 2019-2020 school year for pupils of nonpublic schools under section 1361, the board of school directors shall provide pupils of nonpublic schools transportation on the dates and periods that the nonpublic school is in session according to the school calendar officially adopted by the nonpublic school whether or not transportation is provided on those dates and periods to students attending the school districts.

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Best!

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