

HB 2358 -- Metropolitan School District Students' Bill of Rights

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This bill renames the St. Louis Students' Bill of Rights as the Metropolitan School District Students' Bill of Rights. The metropolitan district is the statutory term for the St. Louis public school district. The bill repeals the provision that requires the bill of rights to be placed before the voters by March 15, 1999, in order to become effective and establishes the right of a student in kindergarten through eighth grade to attend the school at which he or she is enrolled as long as the student resides in the metropolitan district. Savings from decreased transportation costs will be reimbursed by the state at 50% and 35% during two five-year increments to support the costs of transition to a kindergarten through eighth grade system. The district must develop a method for measuring the transportation savings, subject to review by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The bill contains an emergency clause.