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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for state funding to
9 offset depreciation of school buses used by public
10 schools; currently, the State Board of Education
11 has set a 10-year limit on depreciation funding.

12 This bill would establish a 12-year or
13 200,000 mile depreciation schedule for funding for
14 the depreciation in value for school buses.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to education; to establish a 12-year or
21 200,000 mile depreciation schedule for funding concerning the
22 depreciation in value of school buses.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 16-13-233, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§16-13-233.

1 "(a) The allowance for transportation for those
2 local boards of education providing same shall be determined
3 as follows for any local board of education: The number of
4 pupils transported on transportation routes approved under
5 regulations of the State Board of Education shall be
6 multiplied by an amount per pupil which is to be fixed by the
7 State Board of Education and applied to local boards of
8 education within groups having similar density of population;
9 provided, that studies shall be made from time to time to
10 determine whether the cost allowed per pupil or the cost unit
11 should be changed in any or all local boards of education. In
12 determining the amount to be allotted for transportation, said
13 allotment shall include an allowance for transportation in
14 accordance with the provisions of Section 16-39-11; however,
15 no allowance shall be made for transporting pupils who live
16 less than two miles from the school they are attending unless
17 such pupils can be shown to be disabled and require
18 transportation. Upon a petition to the State Superintendent of
19 Education by the local board of education, the two mile limit
20 may be waived by the State Superintendent of Education to
21 protect the safety of the children. The total amount allotted
22 any local board of education for transportation shall not
23 exceed a figure determined by the State Board of Education in
24 terms of the ratio between pupils transported to school and
25 the total number of pupils attending school in the
26 jurisdiction of such local board of education or some similar
27 ratio established by the State Board of Education. Any local

1 board of education which qualifies for a transportation
2 allowance must provide buses which meet minimum standards
3 established by the State Board of Education and must take such
4 other steps to protect the safety of the children as are
5 required under regulations of the State Board of Education.

6 "(b) The Notwithstanding any other provisions of law
7 to the contrary, the allowance for transportation provided in
8 subsection (a) above shall include funding for depreciation
9 based on a depreciation schedule ~~established~~ provided by the
10 State Board of Education for either 12 years or a maximum of
11 200,000 travel miles. The depreciation funding included in the
12 transportation allowance shall be set aside in a restricted
13 fund by the local boards of education for fleet renewal only
14 and shall not be used for operating costs. These
15 transportation cost allowance depreciation funds shall not
16 revert to the Education Trust Fund but shall be carried
17 forward from fiscal year to fiscal year to renew the
18 transportation fleet of the local boards of education.

19 "(c) The Alabama State Board of Education shall
20 adopt rules to implement the depreciation schedule provided
21 for in subsection (b)."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.