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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 36, L.D. 66, Bill, "An Act to Establish Choices for Parents and Guardians in their Children's Education"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§5301." in subsection 3 in the 8th to 10th lines (page 1, lines 27 to 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The student's application must identify the reason for enrolling in the nonresident unit."

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

If school administrative units authorize nonresident students to attend any schools within their units, they may incur increased costs related to transporting certain students. While the exact amount of these costs can not be determined, they are reimbursable under the school funding formula. General Fund appropriations to the Department of Education's General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account may be required beginning in fiscal year 1998-99.

The additional costs to adopt rules to implement the enrollment options program, design and distribute forms and provide technical assistance to school units can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment is a minority report. This amendment deletes
a provision that requires a student applying to participate in
the school choice program to identify the reason for choosing to
8 participate.