



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: September 20, 2022

Consent Agenda

Department: Health and Human Services

Presenter(s): John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s): Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director
Rebecca Smith, Social Work Division Director

Subject: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Transportation Contract

Brief Summary: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that Buncombe County Health and Human Services and Buncombe County Schools work in partnership to ensure that a child in foster care needing transportation to placements outside of their home districts receives such transportation for the duration of time in foster care. BCHHS currently provides transportation; however, due to challenges with identifying a cost-effective vendor in FY23, BCS and BCHHS have agreed to establish a memorandum of understanding for providing transportation: When transportation is provided by BCHHS or the County funded contracted transportation vendor, the County will bill BCS for their share of transportation costs, up to the amount of \$30,000 annually for FY23. When transportation is provided by the school district, BCS will bill BCHHS for their share of transportation costs, up to the amount of \$30,000 annually for FY23.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented