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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

Date: March 7, 2023

Subject: Senate Bill No. 271

**Summary**

Senate Bill No. 271 provides that railroads shall not run any train that exceeds 8,500 feet in length on any main line or branch line of railroad track. Additionally, railroads are required to maintain a minimum distance of at least 250 feet from the near-edge of railroad crossings for storage of rolling stock on sidings.

Each day that a violation occurs would be a separate violation and punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 but not more than more than \$25,000. If the railroad is found to have committed a grossly negligent violation, or a pattern of repeated violations, such violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000.