

Amend CSHB 2292 as follows:

On page 161, Line 27 add subsection (b) to read as follows:

b) It is the intent of the legislature that, whenever possible, and to the maximum extent feasible, the existing network of transportation providers, and in particular the fixed route components of the existing networks, be used to meet the client transportation requirements of the state's social service agencies and their agents. The legislature recognizes the contributions of nonprofit entities dedicated to providing social services and related activities and encourages the continued community involvement of these entities in this area. The legislature likewise recognizes the potential cost savings and other benefits for utilizing existing private sector transportation resources. The department will contract with and promote the use of private sector transportation resources to the maximum extent feasible consistent with the goals of this subsection.