

Amend CSHB 3343 as follows:

(1) On page 6, line 15, strike "adding subsection (c)" and substitute "amending subsection (b) and adding subsections (c) and (d)".

(2) On page 6, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"(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 those 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."

(3) On page 6, lines 16 and 17, strike "The Texas Department of Health and the Health and Human Services Commission" and substitute "Each health and human services agency of this state".

(4) On page 6, lines 18 and 19, strike "Texas Department of Health and the Health and Human Services Commission" and substitute "health and human services agency".

(5) On page 6, line 20, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(6) On page 6, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

"(d) The department may contract with any public or private transportation provider or with any regional transportation broker for the provision of public transportation services."

(7) On page 7, line 1, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(8) On page 7, line 4, strike "shall" and substitute "may".

(9) On page 7, line 7, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(10) On page 7, line 13, between "services" and ".", insert

"for clients of eligible programs".

(11) On page 7, line 19, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(12) On page 8, line 2, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(13) On page 8, line 8, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(14) On page 8, line 16, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(15) On page 8, line 26, between "services" and ".", insert "for clients of eligible programs".

(16) On page 9, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following and renumber subsequent sections appropriately:

"SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING PROVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. It is the intent of the legislature that the provision of health and human service transportation through the Texas Department of Transportation will improve the delivery of transportation services to clients and enhance their access to transportation services. Furthermore, it is the intent of the legislature that these services be provided in a manner that will generate efficiencies in operation, control costs, and permit increased levels of service. The Texas Department of Transportation shall encourage cooperation and coordination among transportation providers, regional transportation brokers, and actual and potential clients in an effort to achieve the stated legislative goals.

SECTION 14. Any funds that are used by the Texas Department of Transportation to implement the transportation services provided in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 shall be accounted for and budgeted separately from other funds appropriated to the Texas Department of Transportation for any other public transportation program or budget strategy."