

Amend CSHB 3459 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and by renumbering existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 34.007(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In establishing and operating the transportation system, the county or school district board

(1) shall employ school bus drivers certified in accordance with standards and qualifications adopted by the Department of Public Safety; and

(2) may allow a parent to designate one of the following locations [~~a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code,~~] instead of the child's residence as the regular location for purposes of obtaining transportation under the system to and from the child's school:

(A) a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code; or

(B) the residence of a grandparent of the child.

SECTION _____. Subsection (k), Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner may not reduce the allotment to which a district or county is entitled under this section because the district or county provides transportation for an eligible student to and from a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code, or a grandparent's residence instead of the student's residence, as authorized by Section 34.007, if the transportation is provided within the approved routes of the district or county for the school the student attends.