

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3458
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, schooldistricts are not required to permit their school bus systems to pick up or drop off children at child-care centers. C.S.H.B. 3458 requires school districts to pick up and drop off, at the parent's request, a child riding on a school bus to child-care centers that are on the route of the school bus. The bill allows a parent to designate 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.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3458 amends the Education Code, to require the county or school district board to allow a parent to designate a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002 (Definitions), 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, if the child-care facility is in the district's or county's approved transportation routes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3458 modifies the original by adding provisions relating to the location of a child-care facility that a parent designates as the regular location for obtaining transportation for their child.