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H.B. No. 2697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of the costs of providing transportation
3 services for public school students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Education Agency, in cooperation
6 with the Legislative Budget Board, shall conduct a study relating
7 to the costs of providing transportation services for public school
8 students under Section 42.155, Education Code.

9 (b) The agency shall include in the study:

10 (1) a comparison of the transportation costs in urban,
11 suburban, and rural school districts and counties;

12 (2) an analysis of the costs of providing
13 transportation services to students enrolled in magnet schools;

14 (3) an analysis of any significant trends in student
15 attendance that are related to transportation costs or the
16 provision of transportation services; and

17 (4) any recommendations for legislative or
18 administrative action to modify the amount of the transportation
19 allotment provided to school districts under Section 42.155,
20 Education Code.

21 (c) Not later than December 1, 2004, the agency shall report
22 the results of the study conducted under this section to the
23 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
24 representatives, and the presiding officer of the standing

1 committee in each house of the legislature with primary
2 jurisdiction over public education.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.