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H.B. No. 3458

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3458:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to transportation between schools and child-care
3 facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 34.007(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

9 (1) [~~shall~~] employ school bus drivers certified in
10 accordance with standards and qualifications adopted by the
11 Department of Public Safety; and

12 (2) [~~may~~] allow a parent to designate a child-care
13 facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code,
14 instead of the child's residence as the regular location for
15 purposes of obtaining transportation under the system to and from
16 the child's school, if the child-care facility is located on the
17 district's or county's approved transportation routes for the
18 school the child attends.

19 SECTION 2. Section 42.155(k), Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
22 the commissioner may not reduce the allotment to which a district or
23 county is entitled under this section because the district or
24 county provides transportation for an eligible student to and from

1 a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human
2 Resources Code, instead of the student's residence, as authorized
3 by Section 34.007[~~, if the transportation is provided within the~~
4 ~~approved routes of the district or county for the school the student~~
5 ~~attends~~].

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.