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H.B. No. 3458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to childcare services.

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

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

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

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

11 (2) shall ~~may~~ allow a parent to designate a child-care
12 facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code,
13 instead of the child's residence as the regular location for
14 purposes of obtaining transportation under the system to and from
15 the child's school.

16 SECTION 2. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by
17 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

18 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
19 section, the commissioner may not reduce the allotment to which a
20 district or county is entitled under this section because the
21 district or county provides transportation for an eligible student
22 to and from a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002,
23 Human Resources Code, instead of the student's residence, as
24 authorized by Section 34.007, if the transportation is provided

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1 within the approved routes of the district or county for the school
2 the student attends.

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