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H.B. No. 444

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 444:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the proximity of a school bus stop to the residence of a sex offender or sexually violent predator.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 34.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.012. LOCATION OF BUS STOP. (a) A school district that transports students in connection with school activities shall, to the extent practicable, locate each bus stop or other place designated as a place of entry to or exit from a district transit vehicle at least 1,000 feet from the residence of a person who is:

(1) required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, because of conduct involving a victim younger than 17 years of age; or

(2) civilly committed as a sexually violent predator under Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code, and subject to outpatient treatment and supervision under that chapter.

(b) The distance described by Subsection (a) must be measured in a straight line from the nearest property line of the residence to the bus stop or other designated place.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.