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S.B. No. 1376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a parent to designate a child-care
3 facility or grandparent's residence for purposes of transportation
4 provided by a public school transportation system.

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

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

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

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

13 (2) [~~may~~] allow a parent to designate one of the
14 following locations instead of the child's residence as the regular
15 location for purposes of obtaining transportation under the system
16 to and from the child's school, if the location is on an approved
17 route:

18 (A) a child-care facility, as defined by Section
19 42.002, Human Resources Code; or

20 (B) the residence of a grandparent of the child.

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

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.