

Amend HB 273 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. The heading to Section 34.008, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.008. CONTRACT WITH TRANSIT AUTHORITY, ~~[OR]~~ COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, OR JUVENILE BOARD.

SECTION _____. Section 34.008(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A board of county school trustees or school district board of trustees may contract with a mass transit authority, ~~[or]~~ a commercial transportation company, or a juvenile board for all or any part of a district's public school transportation if the authority, ~~[or]~~ company, or board:

(1) requires its school bus drivers to have the qualifications required by and to be certified in accordance with standards established by the Department of Public Safety; and

(2) uses only those school buses or mass transit authority buses in transporting 15 or more public school students that meet or exceed safety standards for school buses established under Section 34.002 [~~Education Code~~].