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S.B. No. 1713

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008 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, 2007.