

By: King of Zavala

H.B. No. 1496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transportation allotment provided under the public school finance system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Each district or county operating a regular transportation system is entitled to an allotment based on the daily cost per regular eligible student of operating and maintaining the regular transportation system and the linear density of that system. In determining the cost, the commissioner shall give consideration to factors affecting the actual cost of providing these transportation services in each district or county. The average actual cost is to be computed by the commissioner and included for consideration by the legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

(c-1) The allotment per mile of approved route under Subsection (c) is computed as follows:

<u>Linear Density Grouping</u>	<u>Allocation Per Mile of Approved Route</u>
2.40 and above	\$2.86
1.65 to 2.40	2.50
1.15 to 1.65	2.22

1	<u>.90 to 1.15</u>	<u>1.94</u>
2	<u>.65 to .90</u>	<u>1.76</u>
3	<u>.40 to .65</u>	<u>1.58</u>
4	<u>up to .40</u>	<u>1.36</u>

5 ~~[may not exceed the amount set by appropriation].~~

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.