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H.B. No. 1256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to consideration of the consolidation of school bus operations in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0075. CONSIDERATION OF COUNTYWIDE OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES. (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 750,000 or more that is located adjacent to an international border.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the school districts in a county subject to this section shall meet and discuss countywide consolidation of school bus operations. The districts shall collect and review information related to the operation of school buses by each district and discuss the feasibility and advisability of consolidating those operations.

(c) Not later than May 1, 2012, the school districts shall provide a joint report to the commissioner:

(1) summarizing the information collected and reviewed under Subsection (b); and

(2) providing recommendations concerning the feasibility and advisability of countywide consolidation of school bus operations based on the discussions under Subsection (b).

(d) This section expires September 1, 2012.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.