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S.B. No. 561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study regarding school district transportation  
3 services and state and local resources available to fund those  
4 services.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "agency" means the  
7 Texas Education Agency.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION  
9 SERVICES. (a) The agency, with the participation of appropriate  
10 stakeholders, shall conduct a study regarding transportation  
11 services provided by school districts in this state and the extent  
12 to which available state and local resources are sufficient to meet  
13 the costs of providing those services.

14 (b) The study must include an evaluation of the  
15 transportation allotment provided under Section 42.155, Education  
16 Code.

17 (c) The agency may enter into one or more contracts with an  
18 individual or a public or private entity, including an institution  
19 of higher education, for services relating to the study.

20 SECTION 3. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than December  
21 1, 2014, the agency shall submit a report to the legislature that  
22 includes the results of the study and any associated  
23 recommendations.

24 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect

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1 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
2 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
3 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
4 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.