BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1135 By: Muñoz, Jr. Public Education Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to interested parties, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently made a determination that school districts could submit for reimbursement under the Foundation School Program regular transportation allotment certain transportation routes used to take high school students to their dual credit courses during the school day. H.B. 1135 seeks to make that TEA ruling part of the law so as to guarantee future funding of these routes.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1135 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education, in determining the regular transportation allotment for a school district, to include transportation provided by the district for a student attending a dual credit course during the school day, including transportation from one campus to another inside the district and transportation from the district to another public secondary school or public institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

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