

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of a transportation allotment under the foundation school program based on the price of gasoline.

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 Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) 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 the product of the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in this state, including taxes, during the preceding five calendar years, as determined by the commissioner, and the following multiplier:

<u>Linear Density Grouping</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
<u>2.40 and above</u>	<u>1.2</u>

1	<u>1.65 to 2.40</u>	<u>1.1</u>
2	<u>1.15 to 1.65</u>	<u>1.0</u>
3	<u>.90 to 1.15</u>	<u>0.9</u>
4	<u>.65 to .90</u>	<u>0.8</u>
5	<u>.40 to .65</u>	<u>0.7</u>
6	<u>up to .40</u>	<u>0.6</u>

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

8 (c-2) Subsection (c-1) applies beginning with the 2017-2018
9 school year. For the 2015-2016 school year, the allotment per mile
10 of approved route is 80 percent of the allotment that would be
11 provided during that year under Subsection (c-1). For the 2016-2017
12 school year, the allotment per mile of approved route is 90 percent
13 of the allotment that would be provided during that year under
14 Subsection (c-1). This subsection expires September 1, 2018.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.