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H.B. No. 2247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a determination of school district transportation costs  
3 and a modification of the transportation allotment under the  
4 foundation school program on the basis of those costs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (c) Each district or county operating a regular  
10 transportation system is entitled to an allotment based on the  
11 daily cost per regular eligible student of operating and  
12 maintaining the regular transportation system and the linear  
13 density of that system. In determining the cost, the commissioner  
14 shall give consideration to factors affecting the actual cost of  
15 providing these transportation services in each district or county.  
16 The average actual cost is to be computed by the commissioner and  
17 included for consideration by the legislature in the General  
18 Appropriations Act. The allotment per mile of approved route may  
19 not be less than the amount described by Subsection (c-2) or exceed  
20 the amount set by appropriation.

21 (c-1) For each linear density grouping established in Rider  
22 5, page III-6, Chapter 1411 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
23 Regular Session, 2013 (the General Appropriations Act), the agency  
24 shall determine the average school district cost per mile of

1 providing regular transportation services during the 2012-2013,  
2 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 school years.

3 (c-2) For purposes of Subsection (c), beginning with the  
4 state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2015, the allotment  
5 per mile of approved route for each linear density grouping may not  
6 be less than 50 percent of the average cost per mile for the  
7 grouping determined by the agency under Subsection (c-1).

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