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S.B. No. 1695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the transportation allotments provided under the  
3 Foundation School Program to school districts that permit students  
4 to select a campus of attendance.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.155(b), Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

8 (4) "School choice eligible student" means a student  
9 who resides two or more miles from the student's campus of choice,  
10 measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public  
11 roads, and who is not classified as a student eligible for special  
12 education services.

13 SECTION 2. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by  
14 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

15 (c-1) This subsection applies only to a district that offers  
16 students residing in the district a variety of choices in selecting  
17 a campus for attendance and provides transportation to the selected  
18 campus at no cost to the students. The choices of campus offered  
19 must represent multiple factors, such as the sex of students  
20 enrolled at the campus, the subject matter or learning methods  
21 emphasized at the campus, and the degree to which athletic and other  
22 extracurricular activities are available at the campus. In  
23 addition to the regular transportation allotment under Subsection  
24 (c), a district is entitled to reimbursement for the costs of

1 transportation provided to school choice eligible students.  
2 Reimbursement shall be provided in the same manner that  
3 reimbursement is provided for the costs of transporting career and  
4 technology education students under Subsection (f).

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.