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~~HOUSE - BILL AMENDMENTS~~

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend C.S.H.B. No. 21 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 34.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.016. PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Eligible special education student" means a student who is eligible for special education services under Section 29.003 and who would be unable to attend classes without transportation services.

(2) "Regular eligible student" means a student who resides two or more miles from the student's campus of regular attendance, measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads, and who is not classified as a student eligible for special education services.

(b) The commissioner shall reduce the basic allotment provided under Section 42.101 for each student in average daily attendance by \$125 for a school district or open-enrollment charter school that fails or refuses to provide transportation services to:

(1) all eligible special education students; and

(2) at least 90 percent of regular eligible students.

(c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may provide transportation services under Subsection (b) by providing a bus pass or card for another transportation system to each student who is eligible to use the regular transportation system of the district or school but for whom the regular transportation system

of the district or school is not a feasible method of providing transportation.

(d) A reduction in the basic allotment under Subsection (b) does not apply to a school district subject to any reduction in the basic allotment under Section 34.002(c).

(e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may apply for a waiver from the reduction in the basic allotment under Subsection (b) if it is not feasible for the district or school to provide the transportation services described under that subsection.

(f) The commissioner by rule shall determine the form and procedures required for issuing a waiver under Subsection (e).