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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 21 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) On page 1, line 4, strike "Section 11.158(a), Education

3 Code, is" and substitute "Sections 11.158(a) and (h), Education

4 Code, are".

5 (2) On page 2, line 22, after the semicolon, insert "or".

6 (3) On page 2, strike lines 23-27, and substitute the

7 following:

8 (14) [~~a reasonable fee for transportation of a student~~

9 ~~who lives within two miles of the school the student attends to and~~

10 ~~from that school, except that the board may not charge a fee for~~

11 ~~transportation for which the school district receives funds under~~

12 ~~Section 42.155(d),~~

13 (4) On page 3, line 1, strike "(15)" and substitute

14 "[~~(15)~~]".

15 (5) On page 3, between lines 11 and 12, insert the

16 following:

17 (h) For a fee charged under Subsection (a)(14) [~~(a)(15)~~],

18 the school district must provide a written form to be signed by the

19 student's legal guardian stating that this fee would not create a

20 financial hardship or discourage the student from attending the

21 program. The school district may only assess the fee if the student

22 returns the signed form.

23 SECTION 2. Sections 25.092(b) and (f), Education Code, are

24 amended to read as follows:

25 (b) The board of trustees of each school district shall

26 appoint one or more attendance committees to hear petitions for

27 class credit or a final grade by students who are in attendance

28 fewer than the number of days required under Subsection (a) and have

29 not earned class credit or a final grade under Subsection

1 (a-1). Classroom teachers shall comprise a majority of the
2 membership of the committee. A committee may give class credit or
3 a final grade to a student because of extenuating
4 circumstances. Each board of trustees shall establish guidelines
5 to determine what constitutes extenuating circumstances and shall
6 adopt policies establishing alternative ways for students to make
7 up work or regain credit or a final grade lost because of
8 absences. The alternative ways must include at least one option
9 that does not require a student to pay a fee authorized under
10 Section 11.158(a)(14) [~~11.158(a)(15)~~]. A certified public school
11 employee may not be assigned additional instructional duties as a
12 result of this section outside of the regular workday unless the
13 employee is compensated for the duties at a reasonable rate of pay.

14 (f) The availability of the option developed under
15 Subsection (b) must be substantially the same as the availability
16 of the educational program developed under Section 11.158(a)(14)
17 [~~11.158(a)(15)~~].

18 (6) Renumber existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.