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H.B. No. 601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the definition of regular eligible student used in
3 determining the transportation allotment under the school finance
4 system for a municipal school district.

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

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

8 (1) "Regular eligible student" means:

9 (A) for a system not operated by a municipal
10 school district, a student who resides two or more miles from the
11 student's campus of regular attendance, measured along the shortest
12 route that may be traveled on public roads, and who is not
13 classified as a student eligible for special education services;
14 and

15 (B) for a system operated by a municipal school
16 district, a student who resides 0.01 or more miles from the
17 student's campus of regular attendance, measured along the shortest
18 route that may be traveled on public roads, and who is not
19 classified as a student eligible for special education services.

20 SECTION 2. Section 42.155(d), Education Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (d) A district, other than a municipal school district, or
23 a county may apply for and on approval of the commissioner receive
24 an additional amount of up to 10 percent of its regular

1 transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of
2 children living within two miles of the school they attend who would
3 be subject to hazardous traffic conditions if they walked to
4 school. Each board of trustees shall provide to the commissioner
5 the definition of hazardous conditions applicable to that district
6 and shall identify the specific hazardous areas for which the
7 allocation is requested. A hazardous condition exists where no
8 walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross a freeway
9 or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an
10 uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial
11 area, or another comparable condition.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.