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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Bernal

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 47, strike lines 13 and 14 and substitute the  
3 following:

4 (B) is an eligible homeless student.

5 (1-a) "Eligible homeless student" means a student who  
6 would be unable to attend classes without special transportation  
7 services and who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime  
8 residence, including a student who:

9 (A) is temporarily allowed to stay in the house  
10 of another person due to loss of housing or economic hardship;

11 (B) is temporarily living in a motel, hotel,  
12 trailer park, or camping ground;

13 (C) is living in an emergency or transitional  
14 shelter;

15 (D) is abandoned in a hospital;

16 (E) is awaiting foster care placement;

17 (F) has a primary nighttime residence that is a  
18 public or private place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular  
19 sleeping accommodation for humans; or

20 (G) is living in a car, park, other public space,  
21 abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or  
22 similar setting.

23 (2) On page 50, strike lines 8 through 21 and substitute the  
24 following:

25 (g) A school district or county that provides special  
26 transportation services for eligible special education students or  
27 eligible homeless students is entitled to a state allocation paid  
28 on a previous year's cost-per-mile basis. The ~~maximum~~ rate per  
29 mile allowable shall be set by appropriation based on data gathered

1 from the first year of each preceding biennium. Districts may use a  
2 portion of their support allocation to pay transportation costs, if  
3 necessary. The commissioner may grant an amount set by  
4 appropriation for private transportation to reimburse parents or  
5 their agents for transporting eligible special education students  
6 or eligible homeless students. The mileage allowed shall be  
7 computed along the shortest public road from the student's home or  
8 nighttime residence, as applicable, to school and back, morning and  
9 afternoon. The need for this type transportation shall be  
10 determined on an individual basis and shall be approved only in  
11 extreme hardship cases.

12 (3) On page 51, strike lines 6 through 14 and substitute the  
13 following:

14 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
15 the commissioner may not reduce the allotment to which a district or  
16 county is entitled under this section because the district or  
17 county provides transportation for:

18 (1) an eligible student to and from a child-care  
19 facility, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code, or a  
20 grandparent's residence instead of the student's residence, as  
21 authorized by Section 34.007 of this code; or

22 (2) an eligible homeless student to and from a school  
23 located outside the district or county under an arrangement made in  
24 accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)(II) [~~if the~~  
25 ~~transportation is provided within the approved routes of the~~  
26 ~~district or county for the school the student attends].~~