BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 926 By: Hall Public Education Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to allow certain county school systems and public school districts to provide transportation services to students residing outside the county or district without having to enter into an interlocal agreement. C.S.S.B. 926 seeks to address this issue by authorizing certain boards of county school trustees and school district boards of trustees to establish and operate an economical transportation system with regard to such students.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 926 amends the Education Code to authorize an applicable board of county school trustees or public school district board of trustees to establish and operate an economical public school transportation system outside the county or district, as applicable, if students served by the county system or enrolled in the school district reside outside the county or district, as applicable. This authorization applies only to a county system or school district located in a county that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million and that has a population of either less than 40,000 or more than 285,000 but less than 300,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 926 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute does not remove the statutory authorization for a board of county school trustees or a school district board of trustees to establish and operate an economical public school transportation system outside the county or district if the county or district enters into an interlocal contract.

The substitute limits the added authorization for an applicable board of trustees to establish and operate an economical public school transportation system outside the county or district if students served by the county system or enrolled in the district reside outside the county or

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district to a county system or school district located in a county that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million and that meets certain population criteria.

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