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S.B. No. 1183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a highway toll exemption for certain vehicles that are
3 owned by or operated on behalf of public schools or open-enrollment
4 charter schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 372.059 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 372.059. CERTAIN SCHOOL VEHICLES. (a) A toll project
9 entity may not require the payment of a toll for use of a toll
10 project by a vehicle that is exempt from registration fees under
11 Section 502.453 and is:

12 (1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:

13 (A) a school district in this state; or

14 (B) an open-enrollment charter school; or

15 (2) owned by a commercial transportation company and
16 used exclusively to provide public school transportation services
17 to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code.

18 (b) This section does not apply to the use of a toll project
19 for which the terms of financial assistance provided for the
20 project or bonds issued for the project prohibit the toll project
21 entity that operates the project from providing the toll exemption
22 required by this section.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.