

Amend SB 2 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 48.151(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A school district or county that provides special transportation services for eligible ~~[special education]~~ students receiving special education services is entitled to a state allocation at a ~~[paid on a previous year's cost-per-mile basis. The]~~ rate per mile equal to the sum of the rate per mile set under Subsection (c) and \$0.13, or a greater amount provided ~~[allowable shall be set]~~ by appropriation ~~[based on data gathered from the first year of each preceding biennium]~~. Districts may use a portion of their support allocation to pay transportation costs, if necessary. The commissioner may grant an amount set by appropriation for private transportation to reimburse parents or their agents for transporting eligible ~~[special education]~~ students receiving special education services. The mileage allowed shall be computed along the shortest public road from the student's home to school and back, morning and afternoon. The need for this type of transportation shall be determined on an individual basis and shall be approved only in extreme hardship cases.