

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, certain fees may be charged by a board of trustees of a school district. With the rewrite of the Education Code during the 74th Legislative Session, questions regarding the authority of school districts to charge students reasonable fees for transportation evolved because the interpretation of this law may have been unclear to some. This bill provides that a board of trustees may charge a fee for a student's transportation to and from school, if the student lives within two miles of the school he or she attends, and the school district does not already receive funds for the transportation.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 465 authorizes a board of trustees to charge a fee for a student's transportation to and from school, if the student lives within two miles of the school he or she attends, and the school district does not already receive funds for the transportation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.158(a), Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 11.158. **AUTHORITY TO CHARGE FEES.** Authorizes the board of trustees (board) of an independent school district to require payment of, among other fees, a reasonable fee for transportation of a student who lives within two miles of the school the student attends to and from that school. Prohibits the board from charging a fee for transportation for which the school district receives funds under Section 42.155(d). Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.