

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides funding to a juvenile justice alternative education program for the portion of the school year for which the program provides educational services. However, no funds are provided for transporting students to and from the program. This bill would authorize an allotment for transportation comparable to the allotment available to a school district that provides special transportation services to eligible special education students.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 470 establishes state financial assistance for juvenile justice alternative education programs that provide student 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 42.155, Education Code, by adding Subsection (k), to entitle the juvenile board of a county that operates a juvenile justice alternative education program to an allotment for each student who receives transportation to the program from the juvenile board. Requires the commissioner of education to determine the appropriate allotment. Requires the allotment to be comparable to the allotment available to a school district that provides special transportation services to eligible special education students.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.