

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In order for a student to attend a school in a district other than where they reside, the two independent school districts (ISDs) currently must complete an interlocal agreement to transport that student from one district to the other. S.B. 926 would allow a school district to transport any student who is enrolled in their district on their bus transportation system, regardless of where the student lives.

If this bill becomes law, school districts would not have to complete an interlocal agreement to permit an out-of-district student to use their bus system. S.B. 926 would expand education options for children in Texas. It would also give ISDs more freedom to manage their transportation systems in the best manner for their area and routes.

As proposed, S.B. 926 amends current law relating to the operation of a public school transportation system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 34.007(a), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes a board of county school trustees or a school district board of trustees to establish and operate an economical public school transportation system:

(1) makes no changes to this subdivision; or

(2) 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, rather than if the county or school district enters into an interlocal contract as provided by Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Contracts), Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.