

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under Texas law, a school bus may be equipped with a rooftop warning lamp which may only be used when the bus is stopped or stopping to load or unload students during inclement weather. This bill would eliminate the provision that rooftop warning lights on a school bus may operate only during inclement weather when the bus is stopping to load or unload students, in order to make school buses more visible.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1744 eliminates the provision that rooftop warning lights on a school bus may operate only during inclement weather when the bus is stopping to load or unload students, in order to make school buses more visible.

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 547.701(b), Transportation Code, to delete existing Paragraph (B) which provides that the rooftop warning lights of a school bus may be operated only during inclement weather when the bus is stopped to load or unload students. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.