

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a school district or county may apply for approval of the commissioner of education to receive an additional amount of funds for a transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of children living within two miles of the school they attended who would be subjected to “hazardous traffic conditions” if they walked to school. S.B. 1722 would amend the requirement for “hazardous traffic conditions.”

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1722 regulates school district transportation allotments.

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 amending Subsection (d), to require each board of trustees of a school district to provide to the commissioner of education the definitions, rather than definition, of hazardous conditions applicable to that district. Provides that a hazardous condition exists where no safe walkway is provided or children must walk in a deserted area or an area of criminal activity. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.