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H.B. No. 1542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding under the transportation allotment for certain special education students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 48.151(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A school district or county that provides special transportation services for eligible special education students is entitled to a state allocation at a ~~[paid on a previous year's cost-per-mile basis. The]~~ rate of \$1.50 per mile or a greater amount provided ~~[allowable shall be set]~~ by appropriation ~~[based on data gathered from the first year of each preceding biennium]~~. Districts may use a portion of their support allocation to pay transportation costs, if necessary. The commissioner may grant an amount set by appropriation for private transportation to reimburse parents or their agents for transporting eligible special education students. The mileage allowed shall be computed along the shortest public road from the student's home to school and back, morning and afternoon. The need for this type of transportation shall be determined on an individual basis and shall be approved only in extreme hardship cases.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.