

Chapter 524

S.B. No. 195

AN ACT

relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

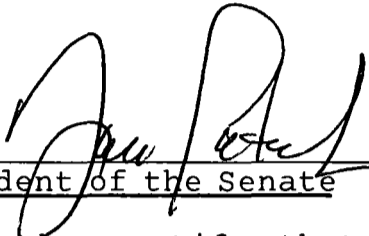
(d) A district or county may apply for and on approval of the commissioner receive an additional amount of up to 10 percent of its regular transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of children living within two miles of the school they attend who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions or a high risk of violence if they walked to school.

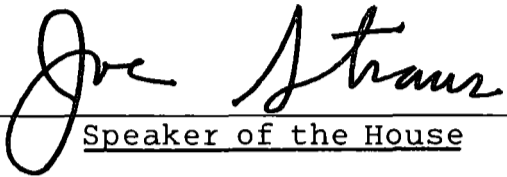
(d-1) For purposes of Subsection (d), each ~~Each~~ board of trustees shall provide to the commissioner an explanation ~~the definition~~ of the hazardous traffic conditions or areas presenting a high risk of violence applicable to that district and shall identify the specific hazardous or high-risk areas for which the allocation is requested. A hazardous traffic condition exists where no walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another comparable condition. An area presents a high risk

1 of violence if law enforcement records indicate a high incidence of
2 violent crimes in the area. Each board of trustees requesting funds
3 for an area presenting a high risk of violence must, in addition to
4 the explanation required by this subsection, provide the
5 commissioner with consolidated law enforcement records that
6 document violent crimes identified by reporting agencies within the
7 relevant jurisdiction.

8 (d-2) A district or county may use all or part of any funds
9 received under Subsection (d) to support community walking
10 transportation programs, including walking school bus programs,
11 provided that the district or county requires each supported
12 program to submit a financial report to the district or county each
13 semester that covers services provided by the program for the
14 benefit of the district or county. The commissioner shall adopt
15 rules governing the transportation allotment as necessary to permit
16 a district or county to receive funds under Subsection (d) that may
17 be used to support innovative school safety projects, including
18 community walking transportation programs as provided by this
19 subsection and any other appropriate safety project, including
20 rules defining an approved walking route mile that may be used as
21 necessary in implementing this subsection.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.


President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 195 passed the Senate on May 8, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9. _____

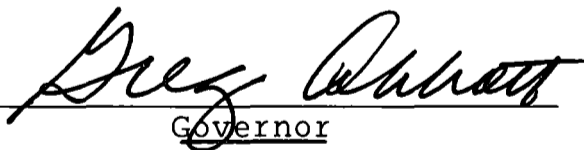

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 195 passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 90, Nays 55, one present not voting. _____



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-9-2017
Date


Governor

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Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 24, 2017

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB195 by Garcia (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to school), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time due to the unavailability of data related to the number of students who would be subject to a high risk of violence if they walked to school

The bill would authorize a district receiving the transportation allotment under the Foundation School Program to use the allotment for the transportation of children living within two miles of their school who would be subject to a high risk of violence if they walked to school or for programs under which children living in an area subject to a high risk of violence are escorted by adults as they walk to school

The bill would define an area that presents a high risk of violence as one in which law enforcement records indicate a high incidence of violent crimes

The bill would authorize a district to use all or part of this funding to support community walking transportation programs

The number of children living within two miles of their school who would be subject to a high risk of violence if they walked to school is not known. However, as an example, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) indicated in the 2014-15 school year, \$9,775,532 was provided under the transportation allotment for the transportation of students who would otherwise be subject to hazardous traffic conditions. If 10 percent of the amount provided to transport children subject to hazardous traffic conditions in fiscal year 2018 was provided to transport students who would be subject to a high risk of violence if they walked, the cost to implement the provisions of the bill would be \$977,553 in fiscal year 2018

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017

Local Government Impact

Districts that choose to provide transportation to students under the provisions of the bill would receive additional funding under the Foundation School Program, although TEA indicates that the amount of funding provided under the provisions of the bill may not cover the full cost of transportation for the affected students

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: UP, AH, THo, AM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 15, 2017

TO: Honorable Dan Huberty, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB195 by Garcia (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to school.), **As Engrossed**

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April 28, 2017

TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB195 by Garcia (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to school.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time due to the unavailability of data related to the number of students who would be subject to a high risk of violence if they walked to school. The Commissioner of Education would not be required to implement the legislation in the absence of an appropriation.

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The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to implement the provisions of the bill only if the Legislature appropriates funding specifically for that purpose and would allow the agency to implement the provisions using other appropriations if available.

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