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S.B. No. 195

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public
3 school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to
4 school.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.155(d), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (d) A district or county may apply for and on approval of the
9 commissioner receive an additional amount of up to 10 percent of its
10 regular transportation allotment to be used for the transportation
11 of children living within two miles of the school they attend who
12 would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions or a high risk of
13 violence if they walked to school. Each board of trustees shall
14 provide to the commissioner an explanation [~~the definition~~] of the
15 hazardous traffic conditions or areas presenting a high risk of
16 violence applicable to that district and shall identify the
17 specific hazardous or high-risk areas for which the allocation is
18 requested. A hazardous traffic condition exists where no walkway
19 is provided and children must walk along or cross a freeway or
20 expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled
21 major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another
22 comparable condition. An area presents a high risk of violence if
23 law enforcement records indicate a high incidence of violent crimes
24 in the area.

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