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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: _____ *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB058 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: R Lara **Agency Name and Code** CYFD - 690
Short Title: STUDY PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This memorial asks the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee to study public school transportation barriers and whether those barriers contribute to chronic absenteeism, review innovative strategies used by other states to reduce transportation-related absenteeism, and review the effectiveness of existing state funding for transportation and whether that funding is administered equitably.

The Committees are asked to report their findings and recommendations for legislative or executive action by or before December 31, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained within this memorial. There are no fiscal implications for CYFD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

An improvement in public school transportation which has an effect on reducing chronic absenteeism would have a significant impact on CYFD. For the period FY2016 to FY2025, truancy has been the number one reason youth are referred to the Juvenile Justice Services Division (JJS), averaging 757 referrals per year, for a total of 7,576 during the ten-year period.

Any study that identifies and addresses barriers to school attendance has the potential to significantly affect the workload and operations of JJS. Youth with chronic truancy issues are at increased risk of delinquent behavior, which can lead to deeper system involvement and an overall increase in JJS referrals. If the Legislative Education Study Committee and Legislative Finance Committee are able to identify transportation barriers contributing to chronic absenteeism and meaningful action is taken based on the study's findings, a reduction in truancy-related referrals — and potentially overall JJS referrals — could reasonably be expected over time.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures concerning recidivism which could be affected as the result of legislative or executive action taken to address transportation-related chronic absenteeism.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for CYFD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to HB218, HB219, HB282, and SB234.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed.