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S.B. No. 2500

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of certain military servicemembers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.0344 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0344. TRANSFER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEMBERS. (a) In this section, "servicemember" means a member of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, or the Texas National Guard.

(b) On request of a servicemember who is a parent of or person standing in parental relation to a student, the board of trustees of a school district or the board's designee shall transfer the student to another district campus or to another school district under an agreement under Section 25.035.

(c) A transfer under this section must be to the campus or school district, as applicable, selected by the servicemember making the request.

(d) A school district is not required to provide transportation to a student who transfers to another campus or school district under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.