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S.B. No. 584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to public school admission of military personnel and dependents under reciprocity agreements between states.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.005 (a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that children of the men and women who valiantly serve our nation in the military may transfer into Texas public schools with minimum disruption to their educational advancement. ~~[To facilitate the transfer of military personnel and their dependents to and from the public schools of this state]~~ and to ensure those students are not penalized as a result of mandatory relocation, the agency shall identify states having a significant number of students transferring to Texas public schools and, within available resources, enter into ~~[may pursue]~~ reciprocity agreements with other states governing the terms of those transfers.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.