



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Donna

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 25.0344 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 25.0344. CAMPUS TRANSFER REQUESTS. (a) This section
7 applies only to a school district that operates more than one campus
8 serving the same grade levels.

9 (b) The board of trustees of a school district shall
10 establish a local policy consistent with this subchapter to allow a
11 parent or person standing in parental relation to any student to
12 request a transfer of the student from the campus the student would
13 otherwise attend to another campus in the district. The district
14 shall maintain information as required by the commissioner
15 regarding the number of requests for transfer each school year and
16 the extent to which transfer requests are approved. A decision by
17 the board regarding student assignment to a campus is final unless
18 the student, parent, or person standing in parental relation to the
19 student files an exception as provided by Sections 25.034(e) and
20 (f).

21 (c) If the parents of more than four percent of the students
22 at a campus during a school year request a transfer for the
23 following school year, the board shall hold a public hearing before
24 the end of the school year to discuss transfers. At the hearing the
25 board shall consider:

26 (1) increasing the capacity at campuses to which
27 transfers are requested;

28 (2) improving programs and facilities at the campus
29 from which transfers are requested; and

1 (3) reallocating budget resources or staff to the
2 campus from which transfers are requested.

3 (d) If the parents of more than four percent of the students
4 at a campus have requested a transfer for three consecutive school
5 years, the board must enter into an agreement with a consultant from
6 an approved list provided by the commissioner for recommendations
7 to decrease the number of parents requesting a transfer. The
8 consultant's recommendations must be considered at a public hearing
9 before the district's budget is adopted by the board.

10 (e) If the parents of more than four percent of the students
11 at a campus have requested a transfer for five consecutive years,
12 the board shall, after a public hearing, repurpose the campus to
13 provide a magnet, early college, or other alternative program. The
14 board repurposing plan must be approved by the commissioner before
15 the campus may reopen.

16 (f) If the parents of more than four percent of students at a
17 campus have requested a transfer for seven consecutive years, the
18 board may not issue bonds for the acquisition or equipment of
19 facilities under Chapter 45 until the board makes a finding that the
20 bonds are prioritized to address the persistence of transfer
21 requests.

22 (g) If the parents of more than four percent of students at a
23 campus have requested a transfer for 10 consecutive years, the
24 board must close the campus for at least one school year. The
25 educational program, staffing, and budget of the campus must be
26 approved by the commissioner before the campus may be reopened.

27 (h) The board shall maintain on the district's Internet
28 website and shall annually notify parents in writing of the
29 percentage of transfer requests for the previous 10 years for the
30 campus to which a student is assigned.

31 (i) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this

1 section.

2 (b) This section applies beginning with the 2013-2014
3 school year.

