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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, school districts in Texas are not required to permit students who reside in the district but who are not enrolled in a school in the district during the regular school year to enroll in the district's summer school program. Many private schools are unable to offer summer school programs to their students, and some private school parents assert that, because they pay property taxes to the school districts in which they reside, their children should have the same opportunity to utilize summer school programs as students enrolled in district schools. H.B. 2137 seeks to allow all students residing in a school district access to summer school programs.

H.B. 2137 amends current law relating to eligibility of certain persons for enrollment in school district summer school courses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 25, Education Code, by adding Section 25.008, as follows:

Sec. 25.008. ENROLLMENT IN SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE BY PERSON NOT ENROLLED IN DISTRICT. (a) Requires a school district, except as provided by Subsection (b), to permit a person who is eligible under Section 25.001 (Admission) to attend school in the district but who is not enrolled in school in the district to enroll in a district summer school course on the same basis as a district student, including:

- (1) satisfaction of any course eligibility requirement; and
- (2) payment of any fee authorized under Section 11.158 (Authority to Charge Fees) that is charged in connection with the course.

(b) Provides that Subsection (a) does not apply to enrollment in a program under Section 29.088 (After-School and Summer Intensive Mathematics Instruction Programs), 29.090 (After-School and Summer Intensive Science Instruction Programs), or 29.098 (Intensive Summer Programs) or in a similar intensive program.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.