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H.B. No. 1850

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to eligibility for full-time enrollment of private school  
3 students and home-schooled students in the state virtual school  
4 network.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 30A.002(b), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) A student is eligible to enroll full-time in courses  
9 provided through the state virtual school network only if the  
10 student:

11 (1) was enrolled in a public or private school in this  
12 state in the preceding school year; [~~or~~]

13 (2) was a home-schooled student in this state in the  
14 preceding school year; or

15 (3) has been placed in substitute care in this state,  
16 regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public or  
17 private school in this state or was a home-schooled student in this  
18 state in the preceding school year.

19 SECTION 2. Section 30A.007(a), Education Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school  
22 shall adopt a policy that provides eligible [~~district or school~~]  
23 students with the opportunity to enroll in electronic courses  
24 provided through the state virtual school network. The policy must

1 be consistent with the requirements imposed by Section 26.0031.

2 SECTION 3. Sections 30A.107(b) and (c), Education Code, are  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) A student who is enrolled in a school district, ~~[or]~~  
5 open-enrollment charter school, or private school in this state as  
6 a full-time student or who is a home-schooled student in this state  
7 may take one or more electronic courses through the state virtual  
8 school network.

9 (c) A student who resides in this state but who is not  
10 enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school in  
11 this state as a full-time student may, subject to Section 30A.155,  
12 enroll in electronic courses through the state virtual school  
13 network. A student to whom this subsection applies:

14 (1) ~~[may not in any semester enroll in more than two~~  
15 ~~electronic courses offered through the state virtual school~~  
16 ~~network;~~

17 ~~[(2)]~~ is not considered to be a public school student;

18 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ must obtain access to a course provided  
19 through the network through the school district or open-enrollment  
20 charter school attendance zone in which the student resides;

21 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ is not entitled to enroll in a course  
22 offered by a school district or open-enrollment charter school  
23 other than an electronic course provided through the network; and

24 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ is not entitled to any right, privilege,  
25 activities, or services available to a student enrolled in a public  
26 school, other than the right to receive the appropriate unit of  
27 credit for completing an electronic course.

1 SECTION 4. Section 30A.155(a), Education Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
4 charge a fee for enrollment in an electronic course provided  
5 through the state virtual school network to a student who resides in  
6 this state and:

7 (1) is enrolled in a school district, ~~[or]~~  
8 open-enrollment charter school, or private school as a full-time  
9 student or is a home-schooled student; and

10 (2) is enrolled in a course load greater than that  
11 normally taken by students in the equivalent grade level in other  
12 school districts, ~~[or]~~ open-enrollment charter schools, or private  
13 schools.

14 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
15 school year.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.