

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 453
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2013; February 13, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 March 20, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to payment of tuition to attend public schools for
 1-20 students holding certain United States student visas.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 25.0031 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 25.0031. TUITION FOR STUDENTS HOLDING CERTAIN STUDENT
 1-25 VISAS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, if a
 1-26 student is required, as a condition of obtaining or holding the
 1-27 appropriate United States student visa, to pay tuition to the
 1-28 school district or open-enrollment charter school that the student
 1-29 attends to cover the cost of the student's education provided by the
 1-30 district or charter school, the district or charter school shall
 1-31 accept tuition for the student in an amount equal to the full
 1-32 unsubsidized per capita cost of providing the student's education
 1-33 for the period of the student's attendance at school in the district
 1-34 or at the charter school.

1-35 (b) The commissioner shall, for purposes of Subsection (a),
 1-36 develop guidelines for determining the amount of the full
 1-37 unsubsidized per capita cost of providing a student's education. A
 1-38 school district or open-enrollment charter school may not accept
 1-39 tuition in an amount greater than the amount computed under the
 1-40 commissioner's guidelines unless the commissioner approves a
 1-41 greater amount as a more accurate reflection of the cost of
 1-42 education to be provided by the district or charter school.

1-43 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the
 1-44 attendance of a student for whom a school district or
 1-45 open-enrollment charter school accepts tuition under this section
 1-46 is not counted for purposes of allocating state funds to the
 1-47 district or charter school.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
 1-49 school year.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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