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H.B. No. 2994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of territory between junior college district service areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.1615 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.1615. TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TO NEW SERVICE AREA. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the board of trustees of an independent school district by resolution may transfer the territory of the school district from the service area of one junior college district to the service area of another junior college district if:

(1) the board of trustees finds that another junior college district is willing to provide service to the residents of the school district and:

(A) offers more affordable services;

(B) offers a broader or more relevant selection of courses or programs; or

(C) is otherwise better suited to meet the needs of the residents of the school district; and

(2) the territory included in the service areas of the affected junior college districts is contiguous.

(b) A transfer under this section does not affect the territory of an independent school district that is located within

1 the boundaries of the taxing district of a junior college district.

2 (c) A junior college district may continue to treat an area
3 removed from the district's service area under this section as if
4 the area were still in the district's service area during the first
5 academic year following the adoption of the resolution as necessary
6 to avoid an unreasonable interruption of junior college services in
7 the area.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.