

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 587
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There are concerns that the requirement that a student has been enrolled in a Texas public school in the preceding school year in order to be eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network is problematic for military families due to the interstate redeployments these families face. C.S.S.B. 587 seeks to expand access to the state virtual school network for students in military families.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 587 amends the Education Code to make a student who is a dependent of a member of the U.S. military who has been deployed or transferred to Texas and was enrolled in a publicly funded school outside of Texas in the preceding school year eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network. The bill applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 587 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

SENATE ENGROSSED

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

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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

(b) A student is eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual

school network only if the student:

(1) was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year; or

(2) ~~[has been placed in substitute care in this state,]~~ regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year;

(A) has been placed in substitute care in this state; or

(B) is a dependent of a member of the United States military who has been deployed or transferred to, or otherwise currently resides in, this state.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 3. The Texas Education Agency is required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for the purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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(2) is a dependent of a member of the United States military who has been deployed or transferred to this state and was enrolled in a publicly funded school outside of this state in the preceding school year; or

(3) has been placed in substitute care in this state, regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year.

SECTION 2. Same as engrossed version.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. Same as engrossed version.