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S.B. No. 282

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the entitlement of a public school student to transfer
3 to a public school campus with a higher overall performance rating
4 under the school accountability system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 25.044 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 25.044. TRANSFER TO CAMPUS WITH HIGHER PERFORMANCE
9 RATING. (a) A student may transfer to another public school campus
10 as provided by this section if the campus to which the student seeks
11 to transfer is assigned an overall performance rating under Section
12 39.054 that is at least two letter grades higher than the overall
13 performance rating under Section 39.054 assigned to the campus the
14 student would otherwise attend.

15 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a student may
16 transfer in accordance with Subsection (a) to another campus in the
17 district in which the student resides or to another campus in
18 another district.

19 (c) A school district shall admit a student entitled to
20 transfer under this section to the campus selected by the student
21 unless the campus does not have available capacity. A school
22 district that receives more requests to transfer to a campus under
23 this section than the number of available positions at the campus
24 must fill the available positions by lottery.

1 (d) After a student transfers to another campus in
2 accordance with this section, the student may continue attending
3 that campus in subsequent school years regardless of the subsequent
4 overall performance ratings under Section 39.054 of the campus to
5 which the student transferred and the campus that the student would
6 otherwise attend.

7 (e) A student who transfers to another campus under this
8 section, including a campus in a district other than the district in
9 which the student resides, may not be charged tuition. The student
10 is included in the average daily attendance of the district in which
11 the student attends school.

12 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement
13 this section.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 42.1571 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 42.1571. TRANSFER STUDENT ALLOTMENT. (a) Except as
17 provided by Subsection (b), for each student in average daily
18 attendance who transfers in accordance with Section 25.044 to a
19 campus in a district other than the district in which the student
20 resides, the district in which the student attends school is
21 entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic
22 allotment multiplied by a weight of 0.1.

23 (b) The total number of allotments under this section to
24 which a district is entitled may not exceed the number by which the
25 number of students transferring to campuses in the district exceeds
26 the number of students who reside in the district and transfer in
27 accordance with Section 25.044 to campuses in another district.

1 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2018-2019
2 school year.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.