

AN ACT

relating to the state virtual school network, including the ability of certain dependents of members of the United States military to enroll full-time in courses provided through the network.

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

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) 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. Section 30A.052(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner shall ~~+~~ ~~(1)~~ employ a limited number of administrative employees in connection with the network ~~, and~~

1 ~~[(2) contract with a regional education service center~~
2 ~~for the service center to operate the network].~~

3 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
4 school year.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 587 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 17, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 587 passed the House, with amendments, on May 12, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor