S.B. No. 587

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; [ez]

(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[†

[‡‡‡] employ a limited number of administrative
employees in connection with the network[‡and

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

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

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.
President of the Senate  

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:

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Date

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Governor