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S.B. No. 1734

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to full-time online programs provided through the state virtual school network.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.0031(c-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-1) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may decline to pay the cost for a student of more than three yearlong electronic courses, or the equivalent, during any school year. This subsection does not:

(1) limit the ability of the student to enroll in additional electronic courses at the student's cost; or

(2) apply to a student enrolled in a full-time online program that:

(A) was operating on January 1, 2013; or

(B) is operated by a school district for the benefit of students eligible to attend a school in the school district under Section 25.001 or by an open-enrollment charter school for the benefit of students eligible for admission to the campus or program under Subchapter D, Chapter 12.

SECTION 2. Section 30A.153(a-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), a school district or open-enrollment charter school is limited to the funding described

1 by that subsection for a student's enrollment in not more than three  
2 electronic courses during any school year, unless the student is  
3 enrolled in a full-time online program that:

4 (1) was operating on January 1, 2013; or

5 (2) is operated by a school district for the benefit of  
6 students eligible to attend a school in the school district under  
7 Section 25.001 or by an open-enrollment charter school for the  
8 benefit of students eligible for admission to the campus or program  
9 under Subchapter D, Chapter 12.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.