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S.B. No. 2084

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to attendance of public school students in blended  
3 learning programs and attendance through the state virtual school  
4 network.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.005, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

8 (g-1) The commissioner shall adopt rules to calculate  
9 average daily attendance for students participating in a blended  
10 learning program in which classroom instruction is supplemented  
11 with applied workforce learning opportunities, including  
12 participation of students in internships, externships, and  
13 apprenticeships.

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

16 (a) A [~~Subject to the limitation imposed under Subsection~~  
17 ~~(a-1), a]~~ school district or open-enrollment charter school in  
18 which a student is enrolled is entitled to funding under Chapter 42  
19 or in accordance with the terms of a charter granted under Section  
20 12.101 for the student's enrollment in an electronic course offered  
21 through the state virtual school network in the same manner that the  
22 district or school is entitled to funding for the student's  
23 enrollment in courses provided in a traditional classroom setting,  
24 provided that the student successfully completes the electronic

1 course.

2 SECTION 3. Section 30A.155(a), Education Code, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
5 charge a fee for enrollment in an electronic course provided  
6 through the state virtual school network to a student who resides in  
7 this state and[+]

8 [(1)] is enrolled in a school district or  
9 open-enrollment charter school as a full-time student with a course  
10 load greater than that normally taken by students in the equivalent  
11 grade level in other school districts or open-enrollment charter  
12 schools[+or]

13 [~~(2) elects to enroll in an electronic course provided~~  
14 ~~through the network for which the school district or~~  
15 ~~open-enrollment charter school in which the student is enrolled as~~  
16 ~~a full-time student declines to pay the cost, as authorized by~~  
17 ~~Section 26.0031(c-1)].~~

18 SECTION 4. Sections 26.0031(c-1) and 30A.153(a-1),  
19 Education Code, are repealed.

20 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
21 school year.

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