BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1102 would allow a student to transfer school districts at any time. The bill would require both the receiving school district and the student's parent or guardian to sign an agreement to the transfer.

It would also allow the parent/guardian or the school district to terminate the transfer agreement at any time. S.B. 1102 would make transfers between school districts more conducive to family moves and life changes. It would also give school districts and parents more freedom to choose where their child attends school.

As proposed, S.B. 1102 amends current law relating to the transfer of a student from the school district of the student's residence to another district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.036, Education Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(a) Authorizes any child, other than a high school graduate, who is younger than 21 years of age and eligible for enrollment on September 1 of any school year to transfer from the child's school district of residence to another district in this state if both the receiving district and the applicant parent or person standing in parental relation to the child jointly approve and timely agree in writing to the transfer, rather than authorizing any child, other than a high school graduate, who is younger than 21 years of age and eligible for enrollment on September 1 of any school year to transfer annually from the child's school district of residence to another district in this state if both the receiving district and the applicant parent or person having lawful control of the child jointly approve and timely agree in writing to the transfer.

(c) Requires the transfer agreement to authorize the receiving school district or the parent or person standing in parental relation to the child who executes a transfer agreement to terminate the agreement at any time during the school year.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.