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By:  Talarico H.B. No. 3028

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for student identification cards issued by public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.2095 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.2095.  STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD REQUIREMENTS. (a) In this section "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b)  The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall develop standards governing the form and appearance of a student identification card issued by an institution of higher education to prevent counterfeiting and ensure that all institutions of higher education issue identification cards in the same form except for features that distinguish each institution. Each institution of higher education must conform to the standards in issuing student identification cards.

(c)  The standards must require a student identification card to include:

(1)  a distinguishing number assigned by the institution of higher education;

(2)  a photograph of the entire face of the student;

(3)  the full name and date of birth of the student;

(4)  a brief description of the student;

(5)  the student's residence address or, for a student using the procedure under Subsection (e), the street address of the courthouse in which the student or student's spouse serves as a federal judge or state judge; and

(6)  an expiration date.

(d)  A student identification card must include a facsimile of the student's signature or a space on which the student shall write the student's usual signature in ink immediately on receipt of the identification card.

(e)  The governing board of an institution of higher education shall establish a procedure, on a student's or a student's spouse's qualification for office as a federal judge or a state judge as defined by Section 572.002, Government Code, to omit the residence address of the judge and the spouse of the judge on the student's student identification card and to include, in lieu of that address, the street address of the courthouse in which the student or student's spouse serves as a federal judge or state judge.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with student identification cards issued by public institutions of higher education for the 2020-2021 academic year.

SECTION 3.  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, 2019.