

1-1 By: Leach (Senate Sponsor - Fallon) H.B. No. 2526  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to criteria for admission of certain students into public  
 1-22 schools.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 25.001(b), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (b) The board of trustees of a school district or its  
 1-27 designee shall admit into the public schools of the district free of  
 1-28 tuition a person who is over five and younger than 21 years of age on  
 1-29 the first day of September of the school year in which admission is  
 1-30 sought, and may admit a person who is at least 21 years of age and  
 1-31 under 26 years of age for the purpose of completing the requirements  
 1-32 for a high school diploma, if:

1-33 (1) the person and either parent of the person reside  
 1-34 in the school district;

1-35 (2) the person does not reside in the school district  
 1-36 but a parent of the person resides in the school district and that  
 1-37 parent is a joint managing conservator or the sole managing  
 1-38 conservator or possessory conservator of the person;

1-39 (3) the person and the person's guardian or other  
 1-40 person having lawful control of the person under a court order  
 1-41 reside within the school district;

1-42 (4) the person has established a separate residence  
 1-43 under Subsection (d);

1-44 (5) the person is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C.  
 1-45 Section 11302, regardless of the residence of the person, of either  
 1-46 parent of the person, or of the person's guardian or other person  
 1-47 having lawful control of the person;

1-48 (6) the person is a foreign exchange student placed  
 1-49 with a host family that resides in the school district by a  
 1-50 nationally recognized foreign exchange program, unless the school  
 1-51 district has applied for and been granted a waiver by the  
 1-52 commissioner under Subsection (e);

1-53 (7) the person resides at a residential facility  
 1-54 located in the district;

1-55 (8) the person resides in the school district and is 18  
 1-56 years of age or older or the person's disabilities of minority have  
 1-57 been removed; ~~or~~

1-58 (9) the person does not reside in the school district  
 1-59 but the grandparent of the person:

1-60 (A) resides in the school district; and

1-61 (B) provides a substantial amount of

2-1 after-school care for the person as determined by the board; or  
2-2 (10) the person and either parent of the person reside  
2-3 in a residence homestead, as defined by Section 11.13(j), Tax Code,  
2-4 that is located on a parcel of property any part of which is located  
2-5 in the school district.

2-6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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