

Amend CSHB 1525 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 48.007, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school that operated during the 2020-2021 school year a full-time virtual program outside the state virtual network under Chapter 30A may:

(1) continue to operate the virtual program on a full-time basis;

(2) apply the same enrollment and transfer criteria used during the 2020-2021 school year; and

(3) offer the program to students in grades prekindergarten through 12 or to any grade level configuration that the district or charter school determines appropriate if the configuration contains at least one grade level for which an assessment instrument under Section 39.027 is administered.

(d) A full-time virtual program described by Subsection (c) may not exceed the program's enrollment level for the 2020-2021 school year during any subsequent school year.

(e) Subsections (c) and (d) and this subsection expire September 1, 2027.