By:  Bell of Kaufman H.B. No. 1468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to curriculum and eligibility requirements for the provision of local remote learning to qualify for state funding and calculation of average daily attendance.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.926 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.926.  LOCAL REMOTE LEARNING. (a) A school district may develop procedures and curriculum to provide instruction through virtual courses or programs provided only to district students and that are not provided as part of the state virtual school network under Chapter 30A.

(b)  A student may only be determined eligible for instruction by local remote learning under this section if the student:

(1)  is entitled to admission to the district under Section 25.001(b) or is a child of an employee of the district and has been accepted as a transfer in accordance with local policy;

(2)  is enrolled in the district at all times while participating in local remote learning; and

(3)  meets any additional criteria, as established by school district, to qualify for local remote learning.

(c)  This chapter does not affect the provision of instruction to a student located on the physical premises of a school district.

(d)  Virtual courses offered under this section are not subject to the requirements of Chapter 30A.

SECTION 2.  Section 48.005(h), Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.005(h-1) which reads as follows:

(h-1)  The time that a student participates in local remote learning under Section 29.926 shall be counted as part of the minimum number of instructional hours required for a student to be considered a full-time student in average daily attendance for purposes of this section.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect on September 1, 2021.