

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 272
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 30, 2020; March 3, 2021,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 April 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 19, 2021, 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 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes			X	
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry			X	
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

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

1-21 relating to requiring the board of trustees of each school district
 1-22 to create a nonvoting student trustee position on the board.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 11.0512 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 11.0512. STUDENT TRUSTEE. (a) In addition to the
 1-27 number of trustees of a school district as provided by Section
 1-28 11.051, the board of trustees of each school district shall appoint
 1-29 a student trustee in the manner provided by this section.

1-30 (b) The commissioner shall develop a uniform application
 1-31 form to be used to solicit eligible applicants for the position of
 1-32 student trustee.

1-33 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the principal of
 1-34 each high school in a school district shall:

1-35 (1) not later than November 1 of each year, solicit
 1-36 applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the position
 1-37 of student trustee of the school district using the uniform
 1-38 application form developed under Subsection (b);

1-39 (2) not later than January 1, select three applicants
 1-40 from the applications received to serve as the school's
 1-41 recommendations for the position of student trustee; and

1-42 (3) send the school's recommendations and
 1-43 corresponding applications to the president of the board of
 1-44 trustees of the school district.

1-45 (d) The principal of the high school at which a current
 1-46 student trustee is enrolled at the time of the student's
 1-47 appointment may not solicit applicants for the position of student
 1-48 trustee for the next regular term of the position.

1-49 (e) The president of the board of trustees of each school
 1-50 district shall select two or more applicants from the applications
 1-51 received to serve as recommendations to the board for the student
 1-52 trustee position.

1-53 (f) The board of trustees of a school district may request
 1-54 to review all applications for the position of student trustee
 1-55 received by the board president and may request an applicant to
 1-56 submit additional information.

1-57 (g) On June 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the
 1-58 board by majority vote shall appoint one of the applicants to serve
 1-59 as the student trustee for the district for a one-year term expiring
 1-60 May 31 of the following year.

1-61 (h) To be eligible for appointment as a student trustee for

2-1 a school district, a person must:

2-2 (1) be enrolled as a student at a high school in the
2-3 district; and

2-4 (2) be in good academic standing as determined by the
2-5 school at which the student is enrolled at the time of appointment.

2-6 (i) Throughout a student's term as a student trustee, the
2-7 student must:

2-8 (1) remain enrolled at the school; and

2-9 (2) maintain a grade point average of 2.5 on a
2-10 four-point scale, or the equivalent.

2-11 (j) The principal of the school at which a student trustee
2-12 is enrolled shall notify the president of the board of trustees of
2-13 the school district if the student trustee fails to maintain the
2-14 qualifications required by Subsection (i). On receiving notice,
2-15 the president of the board of trustees of the school district shall
2-16 declare the position as vacant and as soon as practicable fill the
2-17 vacancy in the manner prescribed by Subsection (l).

2-18 (k) A student trustee is not a member of the board of
2-19 trustees of the school district for which the student is appointed.
2-20 A student trustee has the same powers and duties as a member of the
2-21 board of trustees, including the right to attend and participate in
2-22 meetings of the board, except that the student trustee:

2-23 (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make
2-24 or second any motion before the board; and

2-25 (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum
2-26 exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of
2-27 any vote of the board.

2-28 (l) A vacancy in the position of student trustee for a
2-29 school district shall be filled for the unexpired term by
2-30 appointment by the president of the board of trustees of the school
2-31 district in consultation with the board.

2-32 (m) A student trustee serves without compensation but is
2-33 entitled to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the
2-34 student in attending meetings of the board, subject to the approval
2-35 of the president of the board of trustees of the school district.

2-36 (n) A school district may grant to a student who fulfills
2-37 the requirements of service of a student trustee not more than one
2-38 academic course credit in a subject area determined appropriate by
2-39 the district.

2-40 SECTION 2. Section [11.0511](#), Education Code, is repealed.

2-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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