1   AN ACT

2   relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a

3   school district offering in-person instruction.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is

6   amended by adding Section 25.045 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 25.045. TRANSFER   TO   DISTRICT   OFFERING   IN-PERSON

8   INSTRUCTION. (a)   In this section, "virtual instruction" means

9   instructional activities delivered to students primarily over the

10   Internet.

11   (b)   If a school district provides notice to the parent or

12   person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the

13   district of the district's intent to offer only virtual instruction

14   for more than one grading period during a school year, the student

15   may transfer for that school year to another school district that:

16   (1)   offers in-person instruction during that school

17   year; and

18   (2)   accepts the student's transfer.

19   (c)   A student who transfers to another school district under

20   this section may not be charged tuition. The student is included in

21   the average daily attendance of the district in which the student

22   attends school.

23   (d)   The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement

24   this section.

1   SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
2 school year.
3   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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     President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 481 passed the Senate on
April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                                          Secretary of the Senate

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 481 passed the House on
May 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 7, one
present not voting.

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                                          Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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          Date

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        Governor