

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 481
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 27, 2021; March 9, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 1, 2021,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 1, 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 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 481 By: Schwertner

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a
 1-23 school district offering in-person instruction.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 25.045 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 25.045. TRANSFER TO DISTRICT OFFERING IN-PERSON
 1-28 INSTRUCTION. (a) In this section, "virtual instruction" means
 1-29 instructional activities delivered to students primarily over the
 1-30 Internet.

1-31 (b) If a school district provides notice to the parent or
 1-32 person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the
 1-33 district of the district's intent to offer only virtual instruction
 1-34 for more than one grading period during a school year, the student
 1-35 may transfer for that school year to another school district that:

1-36 (1) offers in-person instruction during that school
 1-37 year; and

1-38 (2) accepts the student's transfer.

1-39 (c) A student who transfers to another school district under
 1-40 this section may not be charged tuition. The student is included in
 1-41 the average daily attendance of the district in which the student
 1-42 attends school.

1-43 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement
 1-44 this section.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
 1-46 school year.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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