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S.B. No. 2158

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to requiring the Texas Education Agency to provide
3 identification kits to school districts and open-enrollment
4 charter schools for distribution to the parent or legal custodian
5 of certain students.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 33.0531 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 33.0531. CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM. (a) The
10 agency shall provide to all school districts and open-enrollment
11 charter schools inkless, in-home fingerprint and DNA
12 identification kits to be distributed through the district or
13 school on request to the parent or legal custodian of any
14 kindergarten, elementary, or middle school student.

15 (b) A parent or legal custodian who receives a fingerprint
16 and DNA identification kit may submit the kit to federal, state,
17 tribal, or local law enforcement to help locate and return a missing
18 or trafficked child.

19 SECTION 2. Section 33.057, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 33.057. DESTRUCTION OF FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.
22 The agency shall adopt rules relating to the destruction of
23 fingerprints and photographs made or kept under Section 33.053 or
24 33.054 [~~this subchapter~~].

1 SECTION 3. The Texas Education Agency is required to
2 implement Section 33.0531, Education Code, as added by this Act,
3 only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that
4 purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money
5 specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required
6 to, implement that section using other appropriations available for
7 that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.