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By:  Guillen H.B. No. 1462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a local remote learning program offered by certain school districts or open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 29.9091, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (n) and (s) and adding Subsection (n-1) to read as follows:

(n)  Except as otherwise provided under Subsection (e)(3) or (n-1), a student enrolled in a virtual course offered under a local remote learning program shall be counted toward the school district's or open-enrollment charter school's average daily attendance in the same manner as other district or school students. The commissioner shall adopt rules providing for a method of taking attendance, once each school day, for students enrolled in a virtual course offered under a local remote learning program.

(n-1)  A school district or open-enrollment charter school that operates a local remote learning program is entitled to funding under Chapters 46 and 48 or Section 12.106 for a student's enrollment in a virtual course offered under the program only if the student successfully completes the course.

(s)  This section expires September 1, 2026 [~~2023~~].

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.