By:  Noble, et al. (Senate Sponsor - King) H.B. No. 1959

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023; April 24, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton         X

Campbell             X

Bettencourt          X

Birdwell             X

Flores               X

King                 X

LaMantia             X

Menéndez             X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Paxton               X

Springer             X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of peace officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.0344 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0344.  TRANSFER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHILDREN OF PEACE OFFICERS. (a) In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

(b)  On request of a peace officer who is a parent of or person standing in parental relation to a student, the board of trustees of a school district or the board's designee shall transfer the student to another district campus or to another school district under an agreement under Section 25.035.

(c)  A transfer under this section must be to the campus or school district, as applicable, selected by the peace officer making the request.

(d)  A school district is not required to provide transportation to a student who transfers to another campus or school district under this section.

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.

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