

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.B. No. 681

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to virtual and off-campus electronic instruction at a
3 public school, the satisfaction of teacher certification
4 requirements through an internship teaching certain virtual
5 courses, and the allotment for certain special-purpose school
6 districts under the Foundation School Program.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 21.051(g), Education Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (g) Rules proposed by the board under Section 21.044(a) or
11 this section may allow a candidate to satisfy certification
12 requirements through an internship that provides the candidate
13 employment as a teacher for courses offered through a local remote
14 learning program under Section 29.9091 or the state virtual school
15 network under Chapter 30A. [~~This subsection expires September 1,
16 2023.~~]

17 SECTION 2. Section 25.092(a-4), Education Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (a-4) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
20 may adopt a policy to exempt students from the requirements of this
21 section for one or more courses identified in the policy that are
22 offered under a local remote learning program under Section
23 29.9091. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

24 SECTION 3. Section 29.9091(r), Education Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (r) In calculating under Subsection (q) the number of
3 students that may be enrolled in a local remote learning program, a
4 school district or open-enrollment charter school shall count
5 students who spend at least half of the student's instructional
6 time during the [~~2021-2022~~] school year [~~or 2022-2023 school year,~~
7 ~~as applicable,~~] enrolled in virtual courses or receiving remote
8 instruction, other than by enrollment in electronic courses offered
9 through the state virtual school network under Chapter 30A,
10 including students enrolled in virtual courses or who received
11 remote instruction during the [~~2021-2022~~] school year [~~or 2022-2023~~
12 ~~school year, as applicable,~~] because the student was:

- 13 (1) medically fragile;
- 14 (2) placed in a virtual setting by an admission,
15 review, and dismissal committee; or
- 16 (3) receiving accommodations under Section 504,
17 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794).

18 SECTION 4. Section 48.005(h-1), Education Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (h-1) Subject to rules adopted by the commissioner under
21 Section 48.007(b), time that a student participates in a course or
22 program provided under Section 48.0071(b) shall be counted as part
23 of the minimum number of instructional hours required for a student
24 to be considered a full-time student in average daily attendance
25 for purposes of this section. [~~This subsection expires September~~
26 ~~1, 2023.~~]

27 SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Education Code

1 are repealed:

- 2 (1) Section 29.9091(s);
- 3 (2) Section 39.0549(d);
- 4 (3) Section 39.301(c-2);
- 5 (4) Section 48.005(m-2);
- 6 (5) Section 48.0071(d); and
- 7 (6) Section 48.053(b-2).

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect August 31, 2023.