

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

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1959 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1959 was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor