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H.B. No. 3885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0344, Education Code, as added by Chapters 322 (H.B. 1959) and 583 (H.B. 2892), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0344. TRANSFER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS ~~[PEACE OFFICERS]~~ ~~[SERVICEMEMBERS]~~. (a) In this section:

(1) "Parent" includes a person standing in parental relation to a student.

(2) "Peace ~~[peace]~~ officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

(3) ~~[7]~~ "Servicemember ~~[servicemember]~~" means an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, or the Texas National Guard.

(b) On request of ~~[a peace officer]~~ ~~[servicemember 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, if the

1 parent is:

2 (1) a peace officer;

3 (2) a servicemember; or

4 (3) a judge or justice of a state or federal court in
5 this state.

6 (c) A transfer under this section must be to the campus or
7 school district, as applicable, selected by the parent [~~peace~~
8 ~~officer~~] [~~servicemember~~] making the request.

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

12 SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
13 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
14 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
15 codes.

16 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
17 school year.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.