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S.B. No. 218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring the board of trustees of each school district  
3 to create a nonvoting student trustee position on the board.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 11.0512 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 11.0512. STUDENT TRUSTEE. (a) In addition to the  
8 number of trustees of a school district as provided by Section  
9 11.051, the board of trustees of each school district shall appoint  
10 a student trustee in the manner provided by this section.

11 (b) The commissioner shall develop a uniform application  
12 form to be used to solicit eligible applicants for the position of  
13 student trustee.

14 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the principal of  
15 each high school in a school district shall:

16 (1) not later than November 1 of each year, solicit  
17 applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the position  
18 of student trustee of the school district using the uniform  
19 application form developed under Subsection (b);

20 (2) not later than January 1, select three applicants  
21 from the applications received to serve as the school's  
22 recommendations for the position of student trustee; and

23 (3) send the school's recommendations and  
24 corresponding applications to the president of the board of

1 trustees of the school district.

2 (d) If a school district includes more than one high school,  
3 the principal of the high school at which a current student trustee  
4 is enrolled at the time of the student's appointment may not solicit  
5 applicants for the position of student trustee for the next regular  
6 term of the position.

7 (e) The president of the board of trustees of each school  
8 district shall select two or more applicants from the applications  
9 received to serve as recommendations to the board for the student  
10 trustee position.

11 (f) The board of trustees of a school district may request  
12 to review all applications for the position of student trustee  
13 received by the board president and may request an applicant to  
14 submit additional information.

15 (g) On June 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the  
16 board by majority vote shall appoint one of the applicants to serve  
17 as the student trustee for the district for a one-year term expiring  
18 May 31 of the following year.

19 (h) To be eligible for appointment as a student trustee for  
20 a school district, a person must:

21 (1) be enrolled as a student at a high school in the  
22 district; and

23 (2) be in good academic standing as determined by the  
24 school at which the student is enrolled at the time of appointment.

25 (i) Throughout a student's term as a student trustee, the  
26 student must:

27 (1) remain enrolled at the school; and

1           (2) maintain a grade point average of 2.5 on a  
2 four-point scale, or the equivalent.

3           (j) The principal of the school at which a student trustee  
4 is enrolled shall notify the president of the board of trustees of  
5 the school district if the student trustee fails to maintain the  
6 qualifications required by Subsection (i). On receiving notice,  
7 the president of the board of trustees of the school district shall  
8 declare the position as vacant and as soon as practicable fill the  
9 vacancy in the manner prescribed by Subsection (l).

10           (k) A student trustee is not a member of the board of  
11 trustees of the school district for which the student is appointed.  
12 A student trustee has the same powers and duties as a member of the  
13 board of trustees, including the right to attend and participate in  
14 meetings of the board, except that the student trustee:

15           (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make  
16 or second any motion before the board; and

17           (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum  
18 exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of  
19 any vote of the board.

20           (l) A vacancy in the position of student trustee for a  
21 school district shall be filled for the unexpired term by  
22 appointment by the president of the board of trustees of the school  
23 district in consultation with the board.

24           (m) A student trustee serves without compensation but is  
25 entitled to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the  
26 student in attending meetings of the board, subject to the approval  
27 of the president of the board of trustees of the school district.

1        (n) A school district may grant to a student who fulfills  
2 the requirements of service of a student trustee not more than one  
3 academic course credit in a subject area determined appropriate by  
4 the district.

5        SECTION 2. Section [11.0511](#), Education Code, is repealed.

6        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.