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S.B. No. 226

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing residency for children who are the subject of parental child safety placement agreements for purposes of admission into public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.001, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-3) The parent or guardian of a child who is the subject of a parental child safety placement agreement under Section 264.902, Family Code, may establish residency for purposes of Subsection (b) by providing to the school district a copy of a letter from the Department of Family and Protective Services indicating that the child is the subject of such an agreement and that the address of the child's residence during the agreement is in the district.

SECTION 2. Section 264.902, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) For a school-age child, a parental child safety placement agreement must include a letter provided by the department that contains the address of the child's residence during the parental child safety placement and the following language: "THIS LETTER SERVES AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSES OF THE ENROLLMENT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD OR CHILDREN IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH THE CHILD OR CHILDREN RESIDE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25.001(C-3),

1 EDUCATION CODE."

2 SECTION 3. (a) Section 25.001, Education Code, as amended
3 by this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

4 (b) Section 264.902, Family Code, as amended by this Act,
5 applies only to a parental child safety placement agreement
6 executed on or after the effective date of this Act. A parental
7 child safety placement agreement executed before the effective date
8 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
9 agreement was executed, and the former law is continued in effect
10 for that purpose.

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