

By: Middleton

S.B. No. 2600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a fee charged by a school district for the  
3 transportation of a student who lives within two miles of the school  
4 the student attends.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [11.158](#)(a), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The board of trustees of an independent school district  
9 may require payment of:

10 (1) a fee for materials used in any program in which  
11 the resultant product in excess of minimum requirements becomes, at  
12 the student's option, the personal property of the student, if the  
13 fee does not exceed the cost of materials;

14 (2) membership dues in student organizations or clubs  
15 and admission fees or charges for attending extracurricular  
16 activities, if membership or attendance is voluntary;

17 (3) a security deposit for the return of materials,  
18 supplies, or equipment;

19 (4) a fee for personal physical education and athletic  
20 equipment and apparel, although any student may provide the  
21 student's own equipment or apparel if it meets reasonable  
22 requirements and standards relating to health and safety  
23 established by the board;

24 (5) a fee for items of personal use or products that a

1 student may purchase at the student's option, such as student  
2 publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements;

3 (6) a fee specifically permitted by any other statute;

4 (7) a fee for an authorized voluntary student health  
5 and accident benefit plan;

6 (8) a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual annual  
7 maintenance cost, for the use of musical instruments and uniforms  
8 owned or rented by the district;

9 (9) a fee for items of personal apparel that become the  
10 property of the student and that are used in extracurricular  
11 activities;

12 (10) a parking fee or a fee for an identification card;

13 (11) a fee for a driver training course, not to exceed  
14 the actual district cost per student in the program for the current  
15 school year;

16 (12) a fee for a course offered for credit that  
17 requires the use of facilities not available on the school premises  
18 or the employment of an educator who is not part of the school's  
19 regular staff, if participation in the course is at the student's  
20 option;

21 (13) a fee for a course offered during summer school,  
22 except that the board may charge a fee for a course required for  
23 graduation only if the course is also offered without a fee during  
24 the regular school year;

25 (14) ~~[a reasonable fee for transportation of a student  
26 who lives within two miles of the school the student attends to and  
27 from that school, except that the board may not charge a fee for~~

1 ~~transportation for which the school district receives funds under~~  
2 ~~Section 48.151(d),~~

3           ~~(15)~~ a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50, for costs  
4 associated with an educational program offered outside of regular  
5 school hours through which a student who was absent from class  
6 receives instruction voluntarily for the purpose of making up the  
7 missed instruction and meeting the level of attendance required  
8 under Section 25.092; or

9           (15) ~~(16)~~ if the district does not receive any funds  
10 under Section 48.151 and does not participate in a county  
11 transportation system for which an allotment is provided under  
12 Section 48.151(i), a reasonable fee for the transportation of a  
13 student to and from the school the student attends.

14           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
15 school year.

16           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.