

1-1 By: Middleton, Hinojosa of Nueces S.B. No. 2600
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
 1-4 May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a fee charged by a school district for the
 1-22 transportation of a student who lives within two miles of the school
 1-23 the student attends.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 11.158(a), Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (a) The board of trustees of an independent school district
 1-28 may require payment of:

1-29 (1) a fee for materials used in any program in which
 1-30 the resultant product in excess of minimum requirements becomes, at
 1-31 the student's option, the personal property of the student, if the
 1-32 fee does not exceed the cost of materials;

1-33 (2) membership dues in student organizations or clubs
 1-34 and admission fees or charges for attending extracurricular
 1-35 activities, if membership or attendance is voluntary;

1-36 (3) a security deposit for the return of materials,
 1-37 supplies, or equipment;

1-38 (4) a fee for personal physical education and athletic
 1-39 equipment and apparel, although any student may provide the
 1-40 student's own equipment or apparel if it meets reasonable
 1-41 requirements and standards relating to health and safety
 1-42 established by the board;

1-43 (5) a fee for items of personal use or products that a
 1-44 student may purchase at the student's option, such as student
 1-45 publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements;

1-46 (6) a fee specifically permitted by any other statute;

1-47 (7) a fee for an authorized voluntary student health
 1-48 and accident benefit plan;

1-49 (8) a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual annual
 1-50 maintenance cost, for the use of musical instruments and uniforms
 1-51 owned or rented by the district;

1-52 (9) a fee for items of personal apparel that become the
 1-53 property of the student and that are used in extracurricular
 1-54 activities;

1-55 (10) a parking fee or a fee for an identification card;

1-56 (11) a fee for a driver training course, not to exceed
 1-57 the actual district cost per student in the program for the current
 1-58 school year;

1-59 (12) a fee for a course offered for credit that
 1-60 requires the use of facilities not available on the school premises
 1-61 or the employment of an educator who is not part of the school's

2-1 regular staff, if participation in the course is at the student's
2-2 option;

2-3 (13) a fee for a course offered during summer school,
2-4 except that the board may charge a fee for a course required for
2-5 graduation only if the course is also offered without a fee during
2-6 the regular school year;

2-7 (14) ~~[a reasonable fee for transportation of a student
2-8 who lives within two miles of the school the student attends to and
2-9 from that school, except that the board may not charge a fee for
2-10 transportation for which the school district receives funds under
2-11 Section 48.151(d);~~

2-12 ~~[(15)]~~ a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50, for costs
2-13 associated with an educational program offered outside of regular
2-14 school hours through which a student who was absent from class
2-15 receives instruction voluntarily for the purpose of making up the
2-16 missed instruction and meeting the level of attendance required
2-17 under Section 25.092; or

2-18 (15) ~~[(16)]~~ if the district does not receive any funds
2-19 under Section 48.151 and does not participate in a county
2-20 transportation system for which an allotment is provided under
2-21 Section 48.151(i), a reasonable fee for the transportation of a
2-22 student to and from the school the student attends.

2-23 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
2-24 school year.

2-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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