By: Bhojani H.B. No. 1124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing the board of trustees of certain school districts to create a nonvoting student trustee position on the board.

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

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

Sec. 11.0512. STUDENT TRUSTEE. (a) This section applies only to a school district to which Section 11.0511 does not apply.

(b) In addition to the number of trustees of a school district as provided by Section 11.051, the board of trustees of a school district may appoint a student trustee in the manner and for a term prescribed by the board. A student is eligible for appointment as a student trustee only if the student:

(1) is enrolled in or will be entering the 11th or 12th grade and is considered in good standing academically and under the district code of conduct; and

(2) has received parental permission to participate.

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

(1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make

or second any motion before the board;

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

(3) may not attend or participate in a closed session of the board; and

(4) is not entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement of the student trustee's expenses for services on the board.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.