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H.B. No. 1826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the ability of certain students to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30A.002(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A student is eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network only if the student:

(1) was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year; or

(2) ~~[has been placed in substitute care in this state]~~ regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year:

(A) has been placed in substitute care in this state; or

(B) has been prescribed by a licensed psychologist or other licensed health care professional to attend school through an alternative setting that provides instruction solely through electronic courses because of the student's medical or psychological condition.

SECTION 2. Section 30A.107(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A student who resides in this state but who is not

1 enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school in  
2 this state as a full-time student may, subject to Section 30A.155,  
3 enroll in electronic courses through the state virtual school  
4 network. A student to whom this subsection applies:

5 (1) ~~[may not in any semester enroll in more than two~~  
6 ~~electronic courses offered through the state virtual school~~  
7 ~~network,~~

8 ~~[(2)]~~ is not considered to be a public school student;

9 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ must obtain access to a course provided  
10 through the network through the school district or open-enrollment  
11 charter school attendance zone in which the student resides;

12 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ is not entitled to enroll in a course  
13 offered by a school district or open-enrollment charter school  
14 other than an electronic course provided through the network; and

15 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ is not entitled to any right, privilege,  
16 activities, or services available to a student enrolled in a public  
17 school, other than the right to receive the appropriate unit of  
18 credit for completing an electronic course.

19 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
20 school year.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.