

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2874  
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Public Education  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Identification cards are necessary to access important resources and services. It has been noted that students do not currently have equal access to state-issued identification cards. Public schools and open-enrollment charter schools are not required to issue identification cards to enrolled students. Furthermore, there is a lack of uniform standards regarding the issuance of student identification cards. H.B. 2874 seeks to remedy these issues by requiring public schools and open-enrollment charter schools to issue student identification cards containing certain identifying information.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2874 amends the Education Code to require a public school district or open-enrollment charter school to issue to each high school student enrolled in the district or school a student identification card that includes the student's name, photograph, and date of birth. These provisions apply beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.