

SUBJECT: Allowing barbering and cosmetology establishments to operate at schools

COMMITTEE: Public Education — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 10 ayes — Buckley, Allison, Cunningham, Cody Harris, Harrison, Hefner, Hinojosa, K. King, Schaefer, Talarico

0 nays

3 absent — Allen, Dutton, Longoria

WITNESSES: For — Robyn Pearce, Forney ISD; Kate Dunfee, Huckabee (*Registered, but did not testify*: Kelsey Kling, Texas AFT; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Raif Calvert, Texas Association of School Boards; Mark Terry, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance; Carrie Griffith, Texas State Teachers Association)

Against — None

On — Mary Lowe, Families Engaged; Meredith Bowman (*Registered, but did not testify*: Derek Burkhalter, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; Eric Marin, Monica Martinez, Texas Education Agency)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that allowing barbering and cosmetology establishments to operate at public secondary schools could expand opportunities for students and allow them to gain practical professional experience.

DIGEST: CSHB 2120 would allow a person to operate a barbering and cosmetology establishment on the same premises as a public secondary school without separating the facilities by a wall or other permanent structure.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.