

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

For years, parents in the military and their children have shouldered the burden of the frequent movement that accompanies being a part of a military family. In addition to the challenge of moving into a different house, making new friends, and adjusting to a strange town, many children have encountered difficulties in enrolling in a new school.

Currently, under the Education Code, a school district is allowed an entire month before it is required to transfer student records to the new school in which the child has enrolled. This delay of information between public schools has caused children to be placed in classes inappropriate for their learning level.

S.B. 117 requires the school district from which the child has left to transfer the student's records to the new school district by the 15th day of the student's enrollment. This bill also requires the school district in which the records have been requested to notify the child's parents of their ability to obtain an unofficial copy of the records that they may then deliver to the receiving school in person.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.002, Education Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Requires a parent or other person with legal control of a child under a court order who enrolls the child in a public school, or the school district in which the child most recently attended, to furnish to the school district certain information. Deletes text providing a deadline of the 30th day after enrollment for parents or other persons with legal control of a child under a court order to provide the information.

(a-1) Requires information a school district furnishes to be furnished by the district not later than the 15th day after the date a child is enrolled in a public school. Requires information furnished by a parent or other person with legal control of a child under a court order to be furnished by a parent or other person not later than the 30th day after the date a child is enrolled in a public school. Requires the district, if a parent or other person with legal control of a child under a court order requests that a district transfer a child's student records, to notify the parent or other person as soon as practicable that the parent or other person is authorized to request and receive an unofficial copy of the records for delivery in person to a school in another district.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.