

CHAPTER 364

H.B. No. 603

AN ACT

relating to the admission of foreign exchange students to the public free schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 21.031(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board of trustees of any public free school district of this state shall admit into the public free schools of the district free of tuition all persons who are either citizens of the United States or legally admitted aliens and who are over five and not over 21 years of age at the beginning of the scholastic year if:

- (1) such person or either parent of the person resides within the school district;
- (2) such person and his guardian or other person having lawful control of him under an order of a court reside within the school district;
- (3) such person has established a separate residence under Subsection (d) of this section; [or]
- (4) such person is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C.A. Sec. 11302, regardless of the residence of the person, of either parent of the person, or of the person's guardian or other person having lawful control of him; or

(5) the person is a foreign exchange student placed with a host family that resides in the school district by a nationally recognized foreign exchange program, unless the school district has applied for and been granted a waiver by the commissioner of education due to the hardship this requirement would impose on the district.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 1993–1994 school year.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 31, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.