

HB 1939 -- Public School District Open Enrollment

Sponsor: Hunter

This bill establishes a procedure to permit students to attend school in a district other than their district of residence, as of July 1, 2007. The parent or guardian must notify the sending and receiving school districts by January 15, except for good cause, of the intent to enroll the student in a district other than the district of residence. Requests that miss the deadline without good cause and are denied can be appealed. The bill contains a formula for the distribution of school funds for these students, limited to the lower of the per-pupil cost in either district. Open enrollment may also be used when a change of residence would otherwise be required due to the parents' or guardians' marital status or the child's adoption or placement in a substance abuse program, among other situations. Provisions concerning special education, transportation, sufficient classroom space, participation in interscholastic competitions, and enrollment procedures for suspended or expelled students are also included.