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1 AN ACT Relating to considering the location of a parent or
2 guardian's residence in interdistrict student transfer requests; and
3 amending RCW 28A.225.220.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.225.220 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 510 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Any board of directors may make agreements with adults
8 choosing to attend school, and may charge the adults reasonable
9 tuition.

10 (2) A district is strongly encouraged to honor the request of a
11 parent or guardian for his or her child to attend a school in another
12 district or the request of a parent or guardian for his or her child
13 to transfer as a student receiving home-based instruction.

14 (3) A district shall release a student to a nonresident district
15 that agrees to accept the student if:

16 (a) A financial, educational, safety, or health condition
17 affecting the student would likely be reasonably improved as a result
18 of the transfer; (~~or~~)

19 (b) Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more
20 accessible to the parent(~~s~~) or guardian's residence or place of
21 work or, to the location of child care; (~~or~~)

1 (c) There is a special hardship or detrimental condition; or
2 (d) The purpose of the transfer is for the student to enroll in
3 an online course or online school program offered by an online
4 provider approved under RCW 28A.250.020.

5 (4) A district may deny the request of a resident student to
6 transfer to a nonresident district if the release of the student
7 would adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

8 (5) For the purpose of helping a district assess the quality of
9 its education program, a resident school district may request an
10 optional exit interview or questionnaire with the parents or
11 guardians of a child transferring to another district. No parent or
12 guardian may be forced to attend such an interview or complete the
13 questionnaire.

14 (6) (~~Beginning with the 1993-94 school year,~~) School districts
15 may not charge transfer fees or tuition for nonresident students
16 enrolled under subsection (3) of this section and RCW 28A.225.225.
17 Reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educating high
18 school pupils of a nonhigh school district shall not be deemed a
19 transfer fee as affecting the apportionment of current state school
20 funds.

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