

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Texas Virtual School Network (TVSN) is administered by TEA and allows students to attend all classes online and still receive full credit. Under current law, students must have been enrolled in an independent school district in the previous year before becoming eligible to attend virtual school through TVSN.

S.B. 380 would remove the requirement that a student be enrolled in a public school in the year prior to enrolling in TVSN. This bill would give parents the freedom to enroll their child in TVSN without first having to send them to a public school.

As proposed, S.B. 380 amends current law relating to a student's eligibility to enroll in courses provided through the state virtual school network.

### **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 Sections 30A.002(a) and (c), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that a student is eligible to enroll in one or more courses, rather than a course, provided through the state virtual school network, or except as provided by Section 30A.107(c) (relating to electronic course eligibility for certain students), enroll full-time in courses provided through the network only if the student meets certain requirements.

(c) Deletes existing text referring to Subsection 30A.002(b) (relating to full-time enrollment in state virtual school courses).

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 30A.002(b) (relating to full-time enrollment in state virtual school courses), Education Code.

SECTION 4. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.