

**SUBJECT:** Requiring the issuance of student ID cards to high school students

**COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — Dutton, Allen, Allison, Bernal, M. González, Huberty, Meza, Talarico, VanDeaver

3 nays — K. Bell, Buckley, K. King

1 absent — Lozano

**WITNESSES:** For — Kendall Smith; Giulia Walker; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Louann Martinez, Dallas ISD; Fatima Menendez, MALDEF; Josette Saxton, Texans Care for Children; Molly Weiner, United Ways of Texas; Ash Hall; Thomas Parkinson)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Grover Campbell, TASB)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Eric Marin, Texas Education Agency)

**BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that high school students may not have equal access to state-issued identification cards that can be necessary to access important resources and services, and it has been noted that there is no requirement for public schools or open-enrollment charter schools to issue identification cards to enrolled students.

**DIGEST:** HB 2874 would require that a school district or open-enrollment charter school issue a student identification card to each high school student enrolled in the district or school that included that student's name, photograph, and date of birth.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2021, and would apply beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

