

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 2054
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 23, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 23, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Nichols	X		
1-10	Seliger	X		
1-11	Alvarado	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hinojosa	X		
1-15	Kolkhorst	X		
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	West	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2054 By: Alvarado

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with driver
 1-22 education and safety courses and driver's license examinations for
 1-23 foster children or youth, former foster children or youth, and
 1-24 youth experiencing homelessness.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
 1-27 is amended by adding Section 521.168 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 521.168. PAYMENT OF FEES FOR CERTAIN FOSTER AND
 1-29 HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS. (a) Unless prohibited under Section
 1-30 521.4265(c), the Texas Workforce Commission shall on request pay
 1-31 the fees associated with meeting a requirement imposed under this
 1-32 subchapter or Chapter 1001, Education Code, for a person who is:

1-33 (1) eligible for a driver's license fee exemption
 1-34 under Section 521.1811; or

1-35 (2) younger than 26 years of age and:

1-36 (A) was in the managing conservatorship of the
 1-37 Department of Family and Protective Services on the day before the
 1-38 person's 18th birthday; or

1-39 (B) is a homeless child or youth as defined by 42
 1-40 U.S.C. Section 11434a.

1-41 (b) The Texas Workforce Commission by rule shall establish a
 1-42 process by which:

1-43 (1) a person described by Subsection (a) may apply to
 1-44 that commission for the payment of fees under this section; and

1-45 (2) that commission pays fees associated with meeting
 1-46 a requirement imposed under this subchapter or Chapter 1001,
 1-47 Education Code, to appropriate entities on behalf of the person
 1-48 described by Subsection (a).

1-49 SECTION 2. Section 521.4265, Transportation Code, is
 1-50 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection
 1-51 (d) to read as follows:

1-52 (b) From the money in the identification fee exemption
 1-53 account the department shall:

1-54 (1) request that the comptroller transfer to the Texas
 1-55 Workforce Commission amounts sufficient to provide for the payment
 1-56 by the Texas Workforce Commission of fees to entities other than the
 1-57 department under Section 521.168;

1-58 (2) pay the department's costs associated with
 1-59 administering Subdivision (1); and

1-60 (3) for ~~For~~ each exemption granted under Section

2-1 521.1015 or 521.1811, [~~the department shall~~] deposit to the credit
2-2 of the Texas mobility fund an amount [~~from the identification fee~~
2-3 ~~exemption account under Subsection (a)] that is equal to the amount~~
2-4 of the waived fee that would otherwise be deposited to the mobility
2-5 fund.

2-6 (c) The department may not:

2-7 (1) request a transfer under Subsection (b)(1) or pay
2-8 a cost under Subsection (b)(2) if the department determines in
2-9 consultation with the Texas Workforce Commission that the balance
2-10 of the account is insufficient; or

2-11 (2) grant an exemption under Section 521.1015 or
2-12 521.1811 if money is not available in the identification fee
2-13 exemption account to meet the requirements of Subsection (b)(3)
2-14 [~~(b)~~].

2-15 (d) The department, in consultation with the Texas
2-16 Workforce Commission, by rule shall establish a process by which
2-17 transfers are made under Subsection (b).

2-18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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