

# Falsification of Information to Enroll a Student

## **Penal Code 37.10**

A person commits an offense if he makes, presents, or uses any record, document, or thing with knowledge of its falsity and with intent that it be taken as a genuine governmental record (a)(1), or makes presents, or uses a governmental record with knowledge of its falsity (a)(5).

An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the governmental record was a public school record, report, or assessment instrument required under Chapter 39, Education Code, or was a license, certificate, permit, seal, title, letter of patent, or similar document issued by government, by another state, or by the United States, unless the actor's intent is to defraud or harm another, in which event the offense is a felony of the second degree (c)(2).

An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the governmental record is a governmental record that is required for enrollment of a student in a school district and was used by the actor to establish the residency of the student (c)(3).

## **Education Code 25.001**

In addition to the penalty provided by Section 37.10, Penal Code, a person who knowingly falsifies information on a form required for enrollment of a student in a school district is liable to the district if the student is not eligible for enrollment in the district but is enrolled on the basis of the false information. The person is liable, for the period during which the ineligible student is enrolled, for the greater of:

1. the maximum tuition fee the district may charge under Section 25.038; or
2. the amount the district has budgeted for each student as maintenance and operating expenses (3)(h).

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I have read the above excerpts from the Texas Penal Code and Texas Education Code. I understand that fraudulent enrollment of a student under false pretenses is an offense and crime under Texas law. I furthermore attest that I am a full-time resident of the Cross Roads Independent School District, living at the address indicated below. I understand that verification of my residence may be investigated by school officials or area law enforcement officers.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Address

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Date