

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2649
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that holding open meetings of open-enrollment charter schools some distance away from individual charter school campuses makes it difficult for parents and guardians to attend. H.B. 2649 seeks to address this issue by requiring the open meetings to be held in the same county in which the charter school is located or to be broadcast over the Internet.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2649 amends the Education Code to require the governing body of a charter holder and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school to hold each open meeting in the county in which the charter school is located or, in the manner prescribed by applicable provisions of the state open meetings law, to broadcast the open meeting over the Internet, make a video and audio recording of each open meeting, and make available an archived copy of the video and audio recording of each meeting on the Internet.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.