

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 674
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that many municipalities impose drainage charges and that a permissive exemption from such charges exists for school districts. It has also been noted that there has been some confusion as to whether the exemption applies to open-enrollment charter schools as well. S.B. 674 seeks to address this issue by explicitly including open-enrollment charter schools in such exemption.

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

S.B. 674 amends the Local Government Code to include an open-enrollment charter school in the permissive exemption for a school district from the Municipal Drainage Utility Systems Act and all ordinances, resolutions, and rules adopted under the act. The bill requires such a granted exemption to be granted to both school districts and open-enrollment charter schools and automatically extends an exemption granted to a school district before the bill's effective date to all open-enrollment charter schools located in the municipality after that date unless the municipality repeals the exemption before that date. The bill defines an "open-enrollment charter school" as a school granted a charter under public education provisions relating to open-enrollment charter schools and college, university, and junior college charter schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.