

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing MMDs to provide service to public education facilities

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

**VOTE:** 12 ayes — Dutton, Lozano, Allen, Allison, K. Bell, Bernal, Buckley, Huberty, K. King, Meza, Talarico, VanDeaver

0 nays

1 absent — M. González

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Bill Kelly, City of Houston Mayor's Office; Amanda List, Hunton Andrews Kurth; Grover Campbell, TASB; Amy Beneski, Texas Association of School Administrators; Michelle Wittenburg, Texas Public Charter Schools Association)

Against — None

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

**BACKGROUND:** Local Government Code sec. 375.112 authorizes a municipal management district (MMD) to use its assessments on specified improvement projects. Interested parties note that providing MMDs with specific authority to fund projects related to public education facilities would allow them to partner with a school for projects such as playground and playing field improvements.

**DIGEST:** HB 2261 would include the construction, acquisition, improvement, relocation, operation, maintenance, and provision of public education facilities and special supplemental services for public education among the improvement projects and services that a municipal management district could provide.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.