

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, campus or campus program charters are agreements between a local campus and the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a home-rule school district in which the campus is located. Some state legislatures that have similar charter programs have provided certain powers and duties to the charter schools so that the schools may achieve their educational mission. S.B. 1653 allows a campus or campus program charter to have certain powers and duties, and provides an appeal process for campuses that are denied charters.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1653 allows a campus or campus program charter to have certain powers and duties, and provides an appeal process for campuses that are denied charters.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 12.054, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 12.054. **AUTHORITY UNDER CHARTER.** Provides that a campus or program for which a charter is granted under this subchapter is delegated certain powers and duties. Provides that a campus or program retains certain authority to operate in accordance with Section 12.059, rather than Section 12.058. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 12C, Education Code, by adding Section 12.058, as follows:

Sec. 12.058. **APPLICATION.** Requires the local school board (board) to approve or deny an application to establish a charter campus or program on campus by the 60th day after the date of the filing of the application. Authorizes the applicant to either amend the proposal to address the board's objections and resubmit the proposal to the board or to appeal the decision of the board to the commissioner of education (commissioner), if the charter is not approved. Sets forth the actions the board may take regarding the amended proposal. Requires the commissioner to approve or deny the charter application by the 45th day after the date of the receipt of the charter application, if an application is submitted to the commissioner in accordance with this subchapter. Sets forth provisions regarding the approval of the charter application. Requires the board of trustees of a charter campus or program on campus, on receiving a charter from a board or the commissioner, to be deemed to be public agents authorized by the State of Texas to supervise and control the charter campus or program on campus, subject to terms of the charter.

Sec. 12.059. **CONTENT.** Redesignated from Section 12.058.

Sec. 12.060. **FORM.** Redesignated from Section 12.059.

Sec. 12.061. **CHARTER GRANTED.** Redesignated from Section 12.060.

Sec. 12.062. REVISION. Redesignated from Section 12.061.

Sec. 12.063. BASIS FOR PLACEMENT ON PROBATION OR REVOCATION.
Redesignated from Section 12.062.

Sec. 12.064. PROCEDURE FOR PLACEMENT ON PROBATION OR REVOCATION.
Redesignated from Section 12.063.

Sec. 12.065. ADMISSION. Redesignated from Section 12.064.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.