

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 519  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the State Board of Education (board) is prohibited from granting more than 20 charters for open-enrollment schools. Over 240 requests for applications for open-enrollment charter schools are on file in the charter school office at the Texas Education Agency. This bill increases the maximum number of charters for open-enrollment schools that the board is authorized to grant.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 519 increases the maximum number of open-enrollment charter schools that the State Board of Education is authorized to grant.

### **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 12.101(b), Education Code, effective September 1, 1997, to prohibit the State Board of Education (board) from granting more than 60 charters for an open-enrollment charter school, instead of 20.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 12.101(b), Education Code, effective September 1, 1998, to prohibit the board from providing more than 100 charters for an open-enrollment charter school, instead of 60.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.