

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 519
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Committee Report (Substituted)

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, C.S.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 50 charters for an open-enrollment charter school, rather than 20.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 12.101(b), Education Code, effective September 1, 1998, to prohibit the board from providing more than 80 charters for an open-enrollment charter school, rather than 60.

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

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 12.101(b), Education Code, to prohibit the board from granting more than 50, rather than 20, charters for an open-enrollment charter school, effective September 1, 1997.

SECTION 2.

Amends Section 12.101(b), Education Code, to prohibit the board from granting more than 80, rather than 60, charters for an open-enrollment school, effective September 1, 1998.