

Amend CSHB 3 (House Committee Report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 12.013, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(3)(P), a home-rule school district is not subject to provisions of this title relating to public school accountability under Subchapters B, C, D, and G, Chapter 39, or to rules adopted under those provisions if:

(1) the district submits to the commissioner an alternative accountability plan developed by the district that:

(A) includes use of assessment instruments developed or adopted by the district to measure individual student progress; and

(B) provides for accountability indicators that are consistent with the goals identified in the district's charter; and

(2) the alternative accountability plan is approved by the commissioner.

SECTION _____. Section 12.016, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.016. CONTENT. Each home-rule school district charter must:

(1) describe the educational program to be offered;

(2) provide that continuation of the home-rule school district charter is contingent on:

(A) acceptable student performance on assessment instruments adopted under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, or alternative assessment instruments approved for that purpose under Section 12.013(c); and

(B) compliance with other applicable accountability provisions under Chapter 39 or an alternative accountability plan approved under Section 12.013(c);

(3) specify any basis, in addition to a basis specified by this subchapter, on which the charter may be placed on probation or revoked;

(4) describe the governing structure of the district

and campuses;

(5) specify any procedure or requirement, in addition to those under Chapter 38, that the district will follow to ensure the health and safety of students and employees;

(6) describe the process by which the district will adopt an annual budget, including a description of the use of program-weight funds;

(7) describe the manner in which an annual audit of financial and programmatic operations of the district is to be conducted, including the manner in which the district will provide information necessary for the district to participate in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) to the extent required by this subchapter; and

(8) include any other provision the charter commission considers necessary.

SECTION _____. Section 12.056, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(2)(I), a campus or program for which a charter is granted under this subchapter is not subject to provisions of this title relating to public school accountability under Subchapters B, C, D, and G, Chapter 39, or to rules adopted under those provisions if:

(1) the campus or program submits to the commissioner an alternative accountability plan developed by the campus or program that:

(A) includes use of assessment instruments developed or adopted by the campus or program to measure individual student progress; and

(B) provides for accountability indicators that are consistent with the goals identified in the charter of the campus or program; and

(2) the alternative accountability plan is approved by the commissioner.

SECTION _____. Section 12.059, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.059. CONTENT. Each charter granted under this subchapter must:

(1) describe the educational program to be offered, which may be a general or specialized program;

(2) provide that continuation of the charter is contingent on satisfactory student performance under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, or under an alternative accountability plan approved under Section 12.056(c) and on compliance with other applicable accountability provisions under Chapter 39 or the alternative accountability plan;

(3) specify any basis, in addition to a basis specified by this subchapter, on which the charter may be placed on probation or revoked;

(4) prohibit discrimination in admission on the basis of national origin, ethnicity, race, religion, or disability;

(5) describe the governing structure of the campus or program;

(6) specify any procedure or requirement, in addition to those under Chapter 38, that the campus or program will follow to ensure the health and safety of students and employees; and

(7) describe the manner in which an annual audit of financial and programmatic operations of the campus or program is to be conducted, including the manner in which the campus or program will provide information necessary for the school district in which it is located to participate, as required by this code or by State Board of Education rule, in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).