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H.B. No. 2366

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school
3 operated by a municipality to give a preference in admissions to
4 children of employees of the municipality.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 12.117, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) An open-enrollment charter school authorized by a
9 charter granted under this subchapter to a municipality:

10 (1) is considered a work-site open-enrollment charter
11 school for purposes of federal regulations regarding admissions
12 policies that apply to open-enrollment charter schools receiving
13 federal funding; and

14 (2) notwithstanding Subsection (a), may admit
15 children of employees of the municipality to the school before
16 conducting a lottery to fill remaining available positions,
17 provided that the number of children admitted under this
18 subdivision constitutes only a small percentage, as may be further
19 specified by federal regulation, of the school's total enrollment.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.