

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 2366
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2011;
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 19, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school
1-9 operated by a municipality to give a preference in admissions to
1-10 children of employees of the municipality.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 12.117, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-14 (c) An open-enrollment charter school authorized by a
1-15 charter granted under this subchapter to a municipality:

1-16 (1) is considered a work-site open-enrollment charter
1-17 school for purposes of federal regulations regarding admissions
1-18 policies that apply to open-enrollment charter schools receiving
1-19 federal funding; and

1-20 (2) notwithstanding Subsection (a), may admit
1-21 children of employees of the municipality to the school before
1-22 conducting a lottery to fill remaining available positions,
1-23 provided that the number of children admitted under this
1-24 subdivision constitutes only a small percentage, as may be further
1-25 specified by federal regulation, of the school's total enrollment.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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