

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 306
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law exempts performance data for students who are in juvenile detention centers operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and who are ordered into residential treatment centers by a juvenile court from school district and campus accountability. Interested parties note that the same is not true for students receiving treatment in residential facilities whose placements have not been ordered by a court. S.B. 306 seeks to address this issue as it relates to consideration of a student receiving treatment in a residential facility for public school accountability purposes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 306 amends the Education Code to establish that, for purposes of determining the performance of an open-enrollment charter school, in addition to a school district or campus, any student who is receiving treatment in a residential facility, in addition to a student ordered by a juvenile court into a residential program or facility operated by or under contract with a governmental entity, is not considered to be a student of the school district in which the program or facility is physically located or of an open-enrollment charter school, as applicable. The bill's provisions apply beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.