

Amend CSHB 1842 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 12.101(b-4), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-4) Notwithstanding Section 12.114, approval of the commissioner under that section is not required for establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school campus if the requirements of this subsection~~[, including the absence of commissioner disapproval under Subdivision (3),]~~ are satisfied. A charter holder having an accreditation status of accredited and at least 50 percent of its student population in grades assessed under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, or at least 50 percent of the students in the grades assessed having been enrolled in the school for at least three school years may establish one or more new campuses under an existing charter held by the charter holder if:

(1) the charter holder is currently evaluated under the standard accountability procedures for evaluation under Chapter 39 and received a district rating in the highest or second highest performance rating category under Subchapter C, Chapter 39, for three of the last five years with at least 75 percent of the campuses rated under the charter also receiving a rating in the highest or second highest performance rating category and with no campus with a rating in the lowest performance rating category in the most recent ratings;

(2) the charter holder provides written notice to the commissioner of the establishment of any campus under this subsection in the time, manner, and form provided by rule of the commissioner; and

(3) not later than the 60th day after the date the charter holder provides written notice under Subdivision (2), the commissioner does not provide written notice to the charter holder that the commissioner has determined that the charter holder does not satisfy the requirements of this section ~~[of disapproval of a new campus under this section]~~.

(b) The heading to Section 12.116, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.116. PROCEDURE FOR REVOCATION, ~~[OR]~~ MODIFICATION OF GOVERNANCE, OR DENIAL OF RENEWAL.

(c) Section 12.116, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall adopt an informal procedure to be used for:

(1) revoking the charter of an open-enrollment charter school or for reconstituting the governing body of the charter holder as authorized by Section 12.115; and

(2) denying the renewal of a charter of an open-enrollment charter school as authorized by Section 12.1141(c).

(a-1) The procedure adopted under Subsection (a) for the denial of renewal of a charter under Section 12.1141(c) or the revocation of a charter or reconstitution of a governing body of a charter holder under Section 12.115(a) must allow representatives of the charter holder to meet with the commissioner to discuss the commissioner's decision and must allow the charter holder to submit additional information to the commissioner relating to the commissioner's decision. In a final decision issued by the commissioner, the commissioner shall provide a written response to any information the charter holder submits under this subsection.

(d) This section applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

(2) On page 12, line 1, between "section" and the comma, insert "or as otherwise provided by this Act".