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S.B. No. 955

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permissible locations of open-enrollment charter schools created by institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.152, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.152. AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with this subchapter and Subchapter D, the commissioner may grant a charter on the application of:

(1) a public senior college or university for an open-enrollment charter school to operate on the campus of the public senior college or university or at another location in any county in this state [~~in the same county in which the campus of the public senior college or university is located~~]; or

(2) a public junior college for an open-enrollment charter school to operate on the campus of the public junior college or at another location in any county in this state [~~in the same county in which the campus of the public junior college is located~~].

SECTION 2. Section 12.152, Education Code, as amended by this Act:

(1) applies to an application for a new charter pending on or submitted on or after the effective date of this Act; and

(2) authorizes the holder of a charter granted before

1 the effective date of this Act to operate a charter school at a
2 location in any county of this state, provided that if the charter
3 holder seeks to operate an additional campus and the commissioner's
4 approval of the expansion is required under Chapter 12, Education
5 Code, the charter holder must obtain the commissioner's approval.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.