By: Murphy, Frank, Villalba, Wu, Raymond, et al.

H.B. No. 382

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 382:

By: Darby C.S.H.B. No. 382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property
- 3 leased to and used by certain schools.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Section 11.211 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 11.211. REAL PROPERTY LEASED TO CERTAIN SCHOOLS. (a)
- 8 A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the portion of
- 9 the real property that the person owns and leases to an
- 10 open-enrollment charter school authorized by Subchapter D, Chapter
- 11 12, Education Code, that is qualified as provided by Section
- 12 <u>11.21(d)</u> of this code if:
- 13 (1) the real property is used exclusively by the
- 14 school for educational functions;
- 15 (2) the real property is reasonably necessary for the
- 16 operation of the school;
- 17 (3) the owner certifies by affidavit to the school
- 18 that the rent for the lease of the real property will be reduced by
- 19 an amount equal to the amount by which the taxes on the property are
- 20 reduced as a result of the exemption;
- 21 (4) the owner provides the school with a disclosure
- 22 document stating the amount by which the taxes on the real property
- 23 are reduced as a result of the exemption and the method the owner
- 24 will implement to ensure that the rent charged for the lease of the

- 1 property fully reflects that reduction; and
- 2 (5) the rent charged for the lease of the real property
- 3 reflects the reduction in the amount of taxes on the property
- 4 resulting from the exemption through a monthly or annual credit
- 5 against the rent.
- 6 (b) Section 25.07 does not apply to a leasehold interest in
- 7 property for which the owner receives an exemption under this
- 8 section.
- 9 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
- 10 for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018, but only
- 12 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,
- 13 Regular Session, 2017, authorizing the legislature to exempt from
- 14 ad valorem taxation real property leased to certain schools
- 15 organized and operated primarily for the purpose of engaging in
- 16 educational functions is approved by the voters. If that amendment
- 17 is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.