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H.B. No. 1023

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1023:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the commissioner of education to grant additional charters for certain open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 12.1015 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.1015. ADDITIONAL CHARTER FOR OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS ALLOWED. (a) Notwithstanding Section 12.101(b-3), on written request from a charter holder, the commissioner shall grant a charter for an open-enrollment charter school to a charter holder if:

(1) the additional charter is for an open-enrollment charter school that will continue a campus operated by the charter holder; and

(2) as of January 1, 2013, the campus:

(A) primarily serves students with disabilities under Section 12.1014; or

(B) provides a full-time online program eligible for funding under Section 30A.153.

(b) The commissioner shall grant a charter under this section not later than the 30th day after the date the commissioner receives a request under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.