

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 1061
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2017; March 6, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 May 3, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 1; May 3, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Huffines	X			
1-14 Hughes	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 Uresti		X		
1-18 West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1061 By: Taylor of Collin

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of education
 1-24 regarding granting additional charters for open-enrollment charter
 1-25 schools.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code, is
 1-28 amended by adding Section 12.1015 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 12.1015. ADDITIONAL CHARTER FOR OPEN-ENROLLMENT
 1-30 CHARTER SCHOOLS ALLOWED. (a) Notwithstanding Section
 1-31 12.101(b-3), the commissioner may grant more than one charter for
 1-32 an open-enrollment charter school to a charter holder if the
 1-33 additional charter is for an open-enrollment charter school that
 1-34 has a distinct purpose or student population.

1-35 (b) The commissioner by rule shall identify various types of
 1-36 open-enrollment charter schools to be used to determine if an
 1-37 open-enrollment charter school has a distinct purpose or will serve
 1-38 a different student population for purposes of this section. The
 1-39 commissioner may award a charter under Subsection (a) if the
 1-40 commissioner determines the charter will serve a distinct purpose
 1-41 or student population regardless of whether the type of school for
 1-42 which the charter is sought has been identified by the
 1-43 commissioner.

1-44 (c) The rules adopted under Subsection (b) must account for
 1-45 the following types of open-enrollment charter schools:

1-46 (1) an open-enrollment charter school that serves a
 1-47 general student population through a distinctly different
 1-48 educational model;

1-49 (2) an alternative education open-enrollment charter
 1-50 school that serves students who:

1-51 (A) have dropped out of school; or

1-52 (B) are students at risk of dropping out of
 1-53 school, as defined by Section 29.081;

1-54 (3) an open-enrollment charter school operating under
 1-55 a charter granted under Section 12.1014;

1-56 (4) a virtual open-enrollment charter school; and

1-57 (5) any other open-enrollment charter school that
 1-58 serves a distinct student population, as determined by commissioner
 1-59 rule.

1-60 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018

2-1 school year.

2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect only if a specific
2-3 appropriation for the implementation of the Act is provided in a
2-4 general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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