

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 19, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1786** by Hall (Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.), **As Introduced**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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This bill would specify that charter schools are not considered a political subdivision, local government, or local governmental entity unless a statute specifically says that it is applicable to charter schools, or unless a provision in the chapter states that a statute applies to a charter school. The bill specifies that administrators and staff of a charter school are public officials and public employees, and subject to collective bargaining prohibitions for public employees.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017, or immediately if passed with the necessary voting margins.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill specifies that open enrollment charter schools are subject to the collective bargaining prohibitions in Government Code Ch. 617.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency

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