BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been reported that open-enrollment charter schools in certain locations may have difficulty in recruiting and retaining teachers because the requirement that enrolled students live within a designated geographic boundary may mean that potential teachers are unable to enroll their own children.

H.B. 2190 seeks to address this issue by authorizing a charter school that meets applicable criteria to exempt the children of employees from the residence requirement.

H.B. 2190 amends current law relating to admission of certain students to an open-enrollment charter school in certain counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 12.117, Education Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Provides that this subsection applies only to an open-enrollment charter school with an enrollment greater than 200 students that is located in a county with a population of less than 400,000 that contains a municipality with a population of at least 300,000. Authorizes an open-enrollment charter school to which this subsection applies, notwithstanding Section 12.111(a)(13) (relating to requiring certain charters to describe the geographical area served by the program), to admit a child of an employee of the school as provided by this section (Admission) regardless of whether the child resides in the geographic area served by the school.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.