BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2406 By: Geren Public Education Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that public school districts and other political subdivisions may not use their resources for political advertising. It has been suggested that open-enrollment charter schools should be subject to the same prohibitions. H.B. 2406 seeks to address this issue by extending the prohibition against political advertising by public schools and other political subdivisions to charter schools.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2406 amends the Election Code to include an officer or employee of an open-enrollment charter school among the actors to whom the offenses for the unlawful use of public funds or an internal mail system for political advertising apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

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