By:  Campbell S.B. No. 372

(VanDeaver)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to employ security personnel, commission peace officers, and have school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 12.104, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1)  The governing body of an open-enrollment charter school may:

(1)  employ security personnel and commission peace officers in the same manner as a board of trustees of a school district under Section 37.081; and

(2)  enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency to assign a school resource officer, as that term is defined by Section 1701.601, Occupations Code, to the school.

(a-2)  A reference in law to a peace officer commissioned under Section 37.081 includes a peace officer commissioned by an open-enrollment charter school in accordance with Subsection (a-1), and a charter school peace officer has the same powers, duties, and immunities as a peace officer commissioned under that section.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.