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H.B. No. 1981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school or campus.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.1101, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.1101. NOTIFICATION OF CHARTER APPLICATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMPUS. (a) The commissioner by rule shall adopt a procedure for providing notice to the following persons on receipt by the commissioner of an application for a charter for an open-enrollment charter school under Section 12.110, [or of] notice of the establishment of a campus as authorized under Section 12.101(b-4), or a request for approval of an expansion amendment to establish a new campus submitted under Section 12.114:

(1) the board of trustees of each school district from which the proposed open-enrollment charter school or campus is likely to draw students, as determined by the commissioner; and

(2) each member of the legislature that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed school or campus, as determined by the commissioner.

(b) The procedure adopted under Subsection (a) must require the notice to identify the closest public school campus to the proposed location of the school or campus for each school district described by Subsection (a)(1) to assist the district in adequately

1 anticipating any resulting changes in enrollment at any district
2 campus.

3 SECTION 2. Section 12.1101, Education Code, as amended by
4 this Act, applies beginning with a new open-enrollment charter
5 school or campus that is anticipated to open for the 2019-2020
6 school year.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.