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S.B. No. 372

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

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.