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S.B. No. 372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to
3 employ security personnel, commission peace officers, and have
4 school resource officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 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.