

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 955
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 27, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 27, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Taylor of Galveston | X | | | |
| 1-8 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-9 Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-10 Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-11 Garcia | X | | | |
| 1-12 Huffines | X | | | |
| 1-13 Kolthorst | X | | | |
| 1-14 Rodríguez | X | | | |
| 1-15 Seliger | | | X | |
| 1-16 Taylor of Collin | X | | | |
| 1-17 West | X | | | |

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 955 By: Bettencourt

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to permissible locations of open-enrollment charter
 1-23 schools created by certain institutions of higher education.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 12.152, Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 12.152. AUTHORIZATION. (a) In accordance with this
 1-28 subchapter and Subchapter D, the commissioner may grant a charter
 1-29 on the application of:

1-30 (1) a public senior college or university for an
 1-31 open-enrollment charter school to operate on the campus of the
 1-32 public senior college or university or, subject to Subsection (b),
 1-33 at another location in any county in this state [~~in the same county~~
 1-34 ~~in which the campus of the public senior college or university is~~
 1-35 ~~located~~]; or

1-36 (2) a public junior college for an open-enrollment
 1-37 charter school to operate on the campus of the public junior college
 1-38 or in the same county in which the campus of the public junior
 1-39 college is located.

1-40 (b) In evaluating an application submitted under Subsection
 1-41 (a)(1) for a charter to operate an open-enrollment charter school
 1-42 in a county other than the county in which the campus of the
 1-43 applicant is located, the commissioner shall consider:

1-44 (1) the locations of existing open-enrollment charter
 1-45 schools, as appropriate, to avoid duplication of services in the
 1-46 area in which the applicant proposes to operate the school; and

1-47 (2) the need of the community in the area in which the
 1-48 applicant proposes to operate the school to have an additional
 1-49 open-enrollment charter school.

1-50 SECTION 2. Section 12.152, Education Code, as amended by
 1-51 this Act:

1-52 (1) applies to an application for a new charter
 1-53 pending on or submitted on or after the effective date of this Act;
 1-54 and

1-55 (2) authorizes a public senior college or university
 1-56 that holds a charter granted before the effective date of this Act
 1-57 to operate a charter school at a location in any county of this
 1-58 state, provided that if the college or university seeks to operate
 1-59 an additional campus and the commissioner's approval of the
 1-60 expansion is required under Chapter 12, Education Code, the college

2-1 or university must obtain the commissioner's approval.
2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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