

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1567
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 28, 2015,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 28, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the applicability to open-enrollment charter schools of
 1-22 certain laws regarding local governments and political
 1-23 subdivisions.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 12.1058 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 12.1058. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS. (a) An
 1-28 open-enrollment charter school is considered to be:

1-29 (1) a local government for purposes of Chapter 791,
 1-30 Government Code;

1-31 (2) a local government for purposes of Chapter 2259,
 1-32 Government Code, except that an open-enrollment charter school may
 1-33 not issue public securities as provided by Section 2259.031(b),
 1-34 Government Code; and

1-35 (3) a political subdivision for purposes of Chapter
 1-36 172, Local Government Code.

1-37 (b) An open-enrollment charter school may elect to extend
 1-38 workers' compensation benefits to employees of the school through
 1-39 any method available to a political subdivision under Chapter 504,
 1-40 Labor Code. An open-enrollment charter school that elects to
 1-41 extend workers' compensation benefits as permitted under this
 1-42 subsection is considered to be a political subdivision for all
 1-43 purposes under Chapter 504, Labor Code. An open-enrollment charter
 1-44 school that self-insures either individually or collectively under
 1-45 Chapter 504, Labor Code, is considered to be an insurance carrier
 1-46 for purposes of Subtitle A, Title 5, Labor Code.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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