

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 372  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 16, 2019; February 7, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to  
 1-22 employ security personnel, commission peace officers, and have  
 1-23 school resource officers.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 12.104, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-26 adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

1-27 (a-1) The governing body of an open-enrollment charter  
 1-28 school may:

1-29 (1) employ security personnel and commission peace  
 1-30 officers in the same manner as a board of trustees of a school  
 1-31 district under Section 37.081; and

1-32 (2) enter into a memorandum of understanding with a  
 1-33 local law enforcement agency to assign a school resource officer,  
 1-34 as that term is defined by Section 1701.601, Occupations Code, to  
 1-35 the school.

1-36 (a-2) A reference in law to a peace officer commissioned  
 1-37 under Section 37.081 includes a peace officer commissioned by an  
 1-38 open-enrollment charter school in accordance with Subsection  
 1-39 (a-1), and a charter school peace officer has the same powers,  
 1-40 duties, and immunities as a peace officer commissioned under that  
 1-41 section.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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