

1-1 By: West, Menéndez S.B. No. 605  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 7, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West			X	

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 605 By: Parker

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter  
1-24 school campus by certain charter holders and to the expansion of an  
1-25 open-enrollment charter school.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 12.101(b-4), Education Code, is amended  
1-28 to read as follows:

1-29 (b-4) Notwithstanding Section 12.114, approval of the  
1-30 commissioner under that section is not required for establishment  
1-31 of a new open-enrollment charter school campus if the requirements  
1-32 of this subsection are satisfied. A charter holder having an  
1-33 accreditation status of accredited and at least 50 percent of its  
1-34 student population in grades assessed under Subchapter B, Chapter  
1-35 39, or at least 50 percent of the students in the grades assessed  
1-36 having been enrolled in the school for at least three school years  
1-37 may establish one or more new campuses under an existing charter  
1-38 held by the charter holder if:

1-39 (1) the charter holder is currently evaluated under  
1-40 the standard accountability procedures for evaluation under  
1-41 Chapter 39 and received a district rating in the highest or second  
1-42 highest performance rating category under Subchapter C, Chapter 39,  
1-43 for three of the last five years with at least 75 percent of the  
1-44 campuses rated under the charter also receiving a rating in the  
1-45 highest or second highest performance rating category and with no  
1-46 campus with a rating in the lowest performance rating category in  
1-47 the most recent ratings;

1-48 (2) the charter holder and each campus operating under  
1-49 the charter are not currently subject to an action of the  
1-50 commissioner described by Section 39A.002(7) or (8);

1-51 (3) ~~(2)~~ the charter holder provides written notice  
1-52 to the commissioner of the establishment of any campus under this  
1-53 subsection in the time, manner, and form provided by rule of the  
1-54 commissioner; and

1-55 (4) ~~(3)~~ not later than the 60th day after the date  
1-56 the charter holder provides written notice under Subdivision (3)  
1-57 ~~(2)~~, the commissioner does not provide written notice to the  
1-58 charter holder that the commissioner has determined that the  
1-59 charter holder does not satisfy the requirements of this section.

1-60 SECTION 2. Section 12.114, Education Code, is amended by

adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) The commissioner may not approve a request for approval of an expansion amendment if the charter holder or any campus operating under the charter is currently subject to an action of the commissioner described by Section 39A.002(7) or (8).

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a new open-enrollment charter school campus established or a request for approval of an expansion amendment by an open-enrollment charter school submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. A campus established or a request submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the campus was established or request submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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