

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 193
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DIGEST

Currently, the revised Texas Education Code (S.B. 1, 74th Legislature) provides for the creation of up to 20 open-enrollment charter schools statewide. More than 20 applications were received during the initial period and all of the charters have been granted. The number of applications and inquiries received by the Texas Education Agency regarding the availability of additional charters is indicative of interest in the expansion of open-enrollment charter programs on a statewide basis. S.B. 193 would remove the current limit on the number of open-enrollment charter schools that may be approved by the State Board of Education.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 193 sets forth provisions for open-enrollment charter schools.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 12.101, Education Code, to delete text prohibiting the State Board of Education from granting more than 20 charters for an open-enrollment charter school. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.