

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law allows a sitting State Board of Education (SBOE) member or a member who recently left SBOE to seek or accept employment from an open-enrollment charter school.

S.B. 1725 attempts to address the perception of charter schools enticing SBOE members for one of the few remaining spots. S.B. 1725 attempts to close the revolving door by creating a two-year grace period from the time the member leaves SBOE until the time he or she begins employment at the open-enrollment charter school or any charitable organization affiliated with an open-enrollment charter school.

As proposed, S.B. 1725 amends current law relating to a prohibition of employment of a member or former member of the State Board of Education by an open-enrollment charter school, and provides a penalty.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Education Code, by adding Section 7.115, as follows:

Sec. 7.115. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT. (a) Prohibits a member of the State Board of Education (SBOE), or a former member of SBOE before the second anniversary of the date on which the person last served as a member, from being employed by an open-enrollment charter school or any charitable organization affiliated with an open-enrollment charter school.

(b) Provides that a person who violates Subsection (a) commits an offense. Provides that an offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 7.115, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to employment that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.