

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, students being served while in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) facility are not counted for the purposes of dropout and completion rates if they are receiving education services through a public school district. However, if a TJJD facility is being operated by a charter school, the same exemption does not apply.

S.B. 1170 would simply extend the same dropout and completion rate exemption for students receiving educational services through a charter school.

As proposed, S.B. 1170 amends current law relating to excluding certain students from the computation of dropout and completion rates for purposes of public school accountability of open-enrollment charter schools.

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 Section 39.053(g-1), Education Code, as follows:

(g-1) Requires the commissioner of education, in computing dropout and completion rates under Subsection (c)(2) (relating to indicators of student achievement), to exclude:

(1)-(4) Makes no change to these subdivisions;

(5) students who are detained at a county detention facility and:

(A) in the district exclusively as a function of having been detained at the facility, rather than at the county detention facility, but are otherwise not students of the district in which the facility is located; or

(B) provided services by an open-enrollment charter school exclusively as the result of having been detained at the facility; and

Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(6) Makes no change to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.