

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The concept of charter schools was created in the 74th Legislature, wherein a private entity could contract with a school district to establish a school which determines its own course structure and curricula. Texas law does not provide parents with a method for observing or commenting on the decisions of a charter school's administration. This bill provides that a charter school may be included in the definition of a governmental body by allowing charter schools to be reviewed under the Open Records Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1714 provides that a charter school may be included in the definition of a governmental body by allowing charter schools to be reviewed under the Open Records Act.

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 552.003(1), Government Code, to redefine "governmental board," to include a charter school. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.