

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 276 eliminates the cap of 150 students for the adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school pilot program. This program allows adults who have not received a high school diploma to obtain that credential in order to increase their earning potential and have greater success in the job market. There are hundreds of students currently on the waiting list for this program.

As proposed, S.B. 276 amends current law relating to adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school pilot program requirements.

### **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 29.259(d), Education Code, to authorize a charter under the pilot program, notwithstanding any other law and in addition to the number of charters allowed under Subchapter D (Open-Enrollment Charter School), Chapter 12 (Charters), on the basis of an application submitted, to be granted to a single nonprofit entity described by Subsection (e) (relating to certain conditions necessary for the granting of a charter to a nonprofit entity) to provide an adult education program for individuals described by Subsection (g) (relating to requirements for eligibility to enroll in the program), rather than not more than 150 individuals described by Subsection (g), to successfully complete certain programs or courses.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.