

CHAPTER 639

H.B. No. 647

AN ACT

relating to employment of persons by open-enrollment charter schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 12.120, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), subject to Section 12.1059, an open-enrollment charter school may employ a person:

(1) as a teacher or educational aide if:

(A) a school district could employ the person as a teacher or educational aide; or

(B) a school district could employ the person as a teacher or educational aide if the person held the appropriate certificate issued under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and the person has never held a certificate issued under Subchapter B, Chapter 21; or

(2) in a position other than a position described by Subdivision (1) if a school district could employ the person in that position.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 647 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 647 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spur
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 14 JUNE '13
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State