

Stop local governments from denying tax-exempt bonds to public charter schools

The **Problem**

Public charter schools often seek tax-exempt bonds to finance facilities in the school's state-approved geographic boundary. Local jurisdictions, at the city and county level, have attempted to prevent state-approved public charter schools from opening new facilities by denying approval for tax-exempt bonds. By denying the necessary approval, one local government can halt all building projects related to the bond across the entire state of Texas. Public charter schools should not be prevented from opening a state-approved campus based on arbitrary limitations set by local jurisdictions.

The **Solution**

Prevent local governments from discriminating against state-approved public charter school growth by moving TEFRA Bond approval away from municipalities and to the Attorney General's office.



SB 1182 / HB 4258 will:

- ✓ Allow the Attorney General, a statewide government authorizer, to approve tax-exempt bonds for state-authorized public charter schools.