

Stop local governments from discriminating against public charter schools

The **Problem**

Over the past several years, local governments have been unfairly discriminating against public charter schools, forcing them to spend taxpayer money on lawyers instead of in the classroom, and to comply with additional red tape. Cities across the state are requiring public charter schools to follow different rules than ISDs on the size of parking lots and number of parking spaces or forcing schools to spend millions in classroom funding to buy more land than they need.

The **Solution**

Ensure public charter schools receive the same treatment as ISDs for zoning, fees, land development agreements, and exemptions. Treating public charter schools the same as ISDs will allow them to keep limited funds in the classroom, instead of on lawyers and needless red tape.



SB 968 / HB 3155 will:

- ✓ Prohibit cities, counties or political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing a local law, rule, or policy that prohibits a state authorized open-enrollment charter school from operating in any location;
- ✓ Exempt public charter schools from impact fees and drainage fees;
- ✓ Require municipalities, by request of a charter school, to enter into a land development agreement, a choice that already exists for ISDs; and
- ✓ Insert traffic impact analyses, parking requirements, and signage requirements to what is included in the term “land development standards.”