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EDUCATION ADVOCATES SUPPORT REP. HOWARD'S CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY  
FLOOR AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III TEA RIDER 58

The floor amendment by Rep. Donna Howard to Rider 58 would provide much-needed specificity about the numbers and characteristics of students each year who are expelled from an open-enrollment charter school, who leave a charter school to go back to a school district, and who win lottery admission but are not chosen for enrollment by a charter school. The information would be broken out by demographics and by special education or Section 504 status.

As the House Public Education Committee's interim report pointed out, in the 2016-17 school year, "43 percent of expelled students were charter school attendees, which is out of proportion compared to the overall percentage of Texas public education students that are enrolled in charters" (then 5 percent).

Having more information about these students would help everyone, from parents to policy makers to public school districts, make informed decisions for these students and for the effective use of taxpayer dollars.

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to **support** Rep. Howard's floor amendment to Rider 58.

Raise Your Hand Texas  
Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)  
Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)  
Texas American Federation of Teachers (Texas AFT)  
Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)  
Pastors for Texas Children  
Fast Growth Coalition  
Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)  
Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA)  
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)  
Coalition for School Funding  
Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS)  
Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools (TAMS)