
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to maximize
2 available funding, the department of education may include the
3 enrollment totals or projections of the public charter schools
4 when applying for federal student services grants (e.g., student
5 transportation). The purpose of this Act is to ensure that when
6 the enrollment numbers of the public charter schools are
7 included to secure additional federal funding, the funds
8 received are allocated to the public charter schools in an
9 equitable distribution.

10 SECTION 2. Section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 "(c) Charter schools shall be eligible for all federal
13 financial support to the same extent as all other public
14 schools. The department shall provide the office with all
15 state-level federal grant proposals submitted by the department
16 that include charter schools as potential recipients and timely
17 reports on state-level federal grants received for which charter
18 schools may apply or, are entitled to receive. Federal funds



1 received by the department for charter schools shall be
2 transferred to the office for distribution to charter schools in
3 accordance with the federal requirements. If administrative
4 services related to federal grants and subsidies are provided to
5 the charter school by the department, the charter school shall
6 reimburse the department for the actual costs of the
7 administrative services in an amount that shall not exceed six
8 and one-half per cent of the charter school's federal grants and
9 subsidies.

10 Whenever the department receives a federal grant or subsidy
11 for which the public charter schools are eligible, the grant or
12 subsidy does not include instructions regarding distribution of
13 the funds, and the department has discretion in distributing the
14 funds, the department shall distribute to public charter schools
15 an equitable share of those funds that is similar to the share
16 of funds distributed to other public schools.

17 Any charter school shall be eligible to receive any
18 supplemental federal grant or award for which any other public
19 school may submit a proposal, or any supplemental federal grants
20 limited to charter schools; provided that if department
21 administrative services, including funds management, budgetary,
22 fiscal accounting, or other related services, are provided with



1 respect to these supplemental grants, the charter school shall
2 reimburse the department for the actual costs of the
3 administrative services in an amount that shall not exceed six
4 and one-half per cent of the supplemental grant for which the
5 services are used.

6 All additional funds generated by the local school boards,
7 that are not from a supplemental grant, shall be held separate
8 from allotted funds and may be expended at the discretion of the
9 local school boards."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Public Charter Schools; Funding

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to provide an early and equitable distribution of grant moneys received to the Hawaii Charter School Administrative Office when charter school enrollment numbers were used to secure federal grants.
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