
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 the charter school
2 movement has progressed over the past few decades into a system
3 with its own administrative office and review panel to operate,
4 maintain, and develop charter schools. The legislature finds
5 that the cap on the number of start-up and conversion charter
6 schools, originally intended to control the rapid growth of
7 charter schools beyond the State's ability to manage them, is no
8 longer necessary and may inhibit the further development and
9 growth of the charter school system.

10 With the growth and maturation of the charter school
11 system, however, the legislature also finds the need for greater
12 accountability and improved processes within the system to
13 ensure that prudent financial decisions are made and that a
14 standard of quality is maintained across all charter schools.

15 Further, the legislature finds that some public charter
16 schools face daunting obstacles such as the high cost of rent
17 and less-than-desirable locations of their facilities, while the
18 department of education is considering the closure of certain



1 non-charter public schools due to departmental financial
2 constraints.

3 The purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Require the charter school review panel to adopt a
5 clear process with rigorous criteria for charter
6 schools to be reauthorized;

7 (2) Require the charter school review panel to reauthorize
8 a charter school no later than four years following
9 the initial issue of the charter and every four years
10 thereafter;

11 (3) Require the charter school administrative office to
12 withhold not more than two per cent of the annual
13 general fund allocation for its operational expenses,
14 including salaries for staff and the executive
15 director;

16 (4) Require the charter school administrative office to
17 report annually to the charter school review panel
18 individual and aggregate expenditures of charter
19 schools, clearly distinguishing between expenditures
20 for operational and instructional purposes;

21 (5) Require per-pupil allocation checks paid by the
22 charter school administrative office to individual



- 1 charter schools to be co-signed by the executive
2 director of the charter school administrative office
3 and an agent of the charter school review panel to
4 encourage more intentional and well-informed financial
5 decision-making;
- 6 (6) Requires the charter school administrative office to
7 withhold the December 1 allocation of funds from any
8 charter school that is not in compliance with the
9 office financial reporting requirements;
- 10 (7) Repeal the cap on the number of start-up and
11 conversion charter schools;
- 12 (8) Require the department of education to make available
13 vacant school facilities or portions of school
14 facilities for use by charter schools; provided that
15 the department may elect to use the facilities to
16 support public education programs with preference
17 given to instructional uses over administrative uses;
18 and
- 19 (9) Make changes to charter school funding, including the
20 creation of the charter schools account as a separate
21 account in the State treasury, to further encourage



1 fairness in funding and the availability of resources
2 to charter schools.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§302A- Use of vacant public school facilities by
7 charter schools. (a) When the department considers whether to
8 close any particular public school, it shall simultaneously give
9 reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the
10 facilities of the public school available for the exclusive
11 occupancy and use by a charter school or joint occupancy and use
12 by the charter school and the department; provided that the
13 department may elect to use the facilities for the support of
14 public education programs, with preference given to
15 instructional uses over administrative uses.

16 (b) The department shall submit a notice of possible
17 availability of a public school to the charter school review
18 panel as early as possible; provided that if a vacancy is
19 established, a notice of vacancy shall be submitted to the
20 charter school review panel no later than _____ days after the
21 establishment of the vacancy.



1 (c) Pursuant to section 302B-A and upon receipt of a
2 notice pursuant to subsection (b), the charter school review
3 panel shall solicit applications from charter schools interested
4 in using and occupying all or portions of the facilities of the
5 public school and submit a prioritized list of charter schools
6 to the department for final determination of which charter
7 school, if any, shall be authorized to use and occupy the public
8 school facilities.

9 (d) Upon the selection of a charter school to use a vacant
10 school facility or portion of a school facility, the department
11 and the charter school review panel shall enter into necessary
12 agreements within days of the selection to carry out the
13 purposes of this section.

14 (e) After receipt by the charter school review panel of a
15 notice pursuant to subsection (b), if the charter school review
16 panel does not provide a prioritized list of charter schools
17 because no charter school has requested to use the facilities of
18 the public school, or if the department receives the prioritized
19 list but determines that no charter school on the list is an
20 appropriate candidate to occupy and use the facilities, the
21 department shall give reasonable consideration to making all or
22 portions of the facilities of the public school, if closed,



1 available for occupancy and use for other educational purposes.

2 (f) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry
3 out the purposes of this section.

4 (g) For purposes of this section, "public school" means
5 any school that falls within the definition of public schools in
6 section 302A-101, except for charter schools."

7 SECTION 3. Chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
9 designated and to read as follows:

10 "§302B-A Occupancy and use of facilities of public
11 schools. (a) When the department considers whether to close
12 any particular public school, the department shall submit a
13 notice of possible availability of a public school or notice of
14 vacancy of a public school to the charter school review panel
15 pursuant to section 302A- (b); provided that the department has
16 not elected to use the public school to support education
17 programs.

18 (b) Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to section
19 302A- (b), the charter school review panel shall solicit
20 applications from charter schools interested in using and
21 occupying all or portions of the facilities of the public school
22 by:



- 1 (1) Promptly notifying all charter schools that the public
2 school is being considered for closure;
- 3 (2) Affording each charter school an opportunity to submit
4 an application with a written explanation and
5 justification of why the charter school should be
6 considered for possible occupancy and use of the
7 facilities of the public school;
- 8 (3) Fully considering the charter school's application;
9 and
- 10 (4) Providing a written response to each charter school's
11 application after the application has been fully
12 considered.
- 13 (c) Based on the application and on other considerations,
14 the charter school review panel shall compile a prioritized list
15 of charter schools and submit the list to the department for
16 final determination of which charter school, if any, shall be
17 authorized to use and occupy the public school facilities.
- 18 (d) Upon the selection of a charter school to use a vacant
19 school facility or portion of a school facility, the department
20 and the panel shall enter into necessary agreements within
21 days of the selection to carry out the purposes of this section;
22 provided that any agreement between the panel and the department



1 shall stipulate that a charter school that uses and occupies a
2 public school facility or portion of a public school facility
3 shall be responsible for the full or pro rata share of the
4 repair and maintenance costs for that facility or portion of the
5 facility, as the case may be.

6 (e) The panel shall adopt policies and procedures
7 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including
8 but not limited to:

9 (1) Procedures for charter schools to apply in writing to
10 use vacant school facilities;

11 (2) Criteria for the panel to use in determining which
12 charter schools to include on the prioritized list to
13 be submitted to the department; and

14 (3) Procedures for the panel to notify charter school
15 applicants that are granted or denied the use of
16 vacant school facilities.

17 (f) For purposes of this section, "public school" means
18 any school that falls within the definition of public schools in
19 section 302A-101, except for charter schools."

20 SECTION 4. Section 302A-1151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:



1 " [†]§302A-1151[†] Sale of school lands unnecessary for
2 school purposes. The chairperson of the board of land and
3 natural resources is hereby requested, upon the recommendation
4 and approval of the superintendent, to sell any state lands,
5 including the buildings thereon, once used but no longer
6 necessary for school purposes[-]; provided that no school
7 facility or portion of a school facility shall be sold before
8 that facility or portion of the facility is made available for
9 use by the department or charter schools, pursuant to sections
10 302A- and 302B-A."

11 SECTION 5. Section 302B-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:

13 "(i) The powers and duties of the panel shall be to:
14 (1) Appoint and evaluate the executive director and
15 approve staff and salary levels for the charter school
16 administrative office;
17 (2) Review, approve, or deny charter applications for new
18 charter schools in accordance with section 302B-5 for
19 the issuance of new charters; provided that applicants
20 that are denied a charter may appeal to the board for
21 a final decision pursuant to section 302B-3.5;



- 1 (3) Review, approve, or deny significant amendments to
2 detailed implementation plans to maximize the school's
3 financial and academic success, long-term
4 organizational viability, and accountability. Charter
5 schools that are denied a significant amendment to
6 their detailed implementation plan may appeal to the
7 board for a final decision pursuant to section
8 302B-3.5;
- 9 (4) Pursuant to section 302B-A, compile and submit
10 prioritized lists of charter schools to the department
11 and enter into necessary agreements with the
12 department to authorize charter schools to use and
13 occupy vacant public school facilities or portions of
14 school facilities;
- 15 [~~4~~] (5) Adopt reporting requirements for charter schools;
- 16 [~~5~~] (6) Review annual self-evaluation reports from
17 charter schools and take appropriate action;
- 18 (7) Adopt a clear process and rigorous criteria for the
19 reauthorization of charter schools;
- 20 (8) Reauthorize each charter school no later than four
21 years following the initial issue of a charter and
22 every four years thereafter;



- 1 [~~+6~~] (9) Evaluate any aspect of a charter school that the
- 2 panel may have concerns with and take appropriate
- 3 action, which may include probation or revocation;
- 4 [~~+7~~] (10) Periodically adopt improvements in the panel's
- 5 monitoring and oversight of charter schools;
- 6 [~~+8~~] (11) Periodically adopt improvements in the office's
- 7 support of charter schools and management of the
- 8 charter school system;
- 9 [~~+9~~] (12) Review, modify, and approve charter schools' all
- 10 means of finance budget, based upon criteria and an
- 11 approval process established by the panel; and
- 12 [~~+10~~] (13) Survey all charter school facilities prior to,
- 13 and in preparation for, determining recommendations to
- 14 allocate non-per-pupil facilities funds to charter
- 15 schools with facilities needs. The survey shall
- 16 include, at minimum, for each charter school facility:
- 17 (A) The current status of the facility;
- 18 (B) Facilities costs, including all rents, leases,
- 19 purchases, and repair and maintenance for lands
- 20 and buildings;
- 21 (C) A prioritized list of facilities needs;



1 (D) Any capital improvement projects underway or
2 scheduled; and

3 (E) Whether the facility is a conversion or start-up
4 charter school, and current and projected
5 enrollment."

6 SECTION 6. Section 302B-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§302B-8 Charter school administrative office. (a) There
9 is established a charter school administrative office, which
10 shall be attached to the department for administrative purposes
11 only. The office shall be administered by an executive
12 director, who shall be appointed without regard to chapters 76
13 and 89 by the panel based upon the recommendations of an
14 organization of charter schools operating within the State or
15 from a list of nominees submitted by the charter schools. The
16 panel shall hire the executive director, who may be contracted
17 for a term of up to four years; shall offer the executive
18 director a written contract; and may terminate the executive
19 director's contract only for cause. The executive director,
20 with the approval of the panel, may hire necessary staff without
21 regard to chapters 76 and 89 to assist in the administration of
22 the office.



1 (b) The executive director, under the direction of the
2 panel and in consultation with the charter schools, shall be
3 responsible for the internal organization, operation, and
4 management of the charter school system, including:

5 (1) Preparing and executing the budget and the capital
6 improvement projects request for the charter schools,
7 including submission of the all means of finance
8 budget request that reflects all anticipated
9 expenditures to the panel, the board, the governor,
10 and the legislature; provided that, in preparing the
11 budget request with regard to facilities funding, the
12 executive director shall ensure that, as a budget item
13 separate from other operating costs, the request
14 provides:

15 (A) Funding for projected enrollment for the next
16 school year for each charter school;

17 (B) A calculation showing the per-pupil funding based
18 on the department of budget and finance's debt
19 service appropriation for the department of
20 education divided by the department of
21 education's actual enrollment that school year;
22 and



- 1 (C) That no less than seventy per cent of the amount
2 appropriated shall be allocated by the office to
3 start-up charter schools on a per-pupil basis;
4 provided that the funds remaining shall be
5 allocated to charter schools with facilities
6 needs as recommended by the office and approved
7 by the panel;
- 8 (2) Allocating annual appropriations to the charter
9 schools and distribution of federal funds to charter
10 schools;
- 11 (3) Complying with applicable state laws related to the
12 administration of the charter schools;
- 13 (4) Preparing contracts between the charter schools and
14 the department for centralized services to be provided
15 by the department;
- 16 (5) Preparing contracts between the charter schools and
17 other state agencies for financial or personnel
18 services to be provided by the agencies to the charter
19 schools;
- 20 (6) Providing independent analysis and recommendations on
21 charter school issues;



- 1 (7) Representing charter schools and the charter school
2 system in communications with the board, the governor,
3 and the legislature;
- 4 (8) Providing advocacy, assistance, and support for the
5 development, growth, progress, and success of charter
6 schools and the charter school system;
- 7 (9) Providing guidance and assistance to charter
8 applicants and charter schools to enhance the
9 completeness and accuracy of information for panel
10 review;
- 11 (10) Assisting charter applicants and charter schools in
12 coordinating their interactions with the panel as
13 needed;
- 14 (11) Assisting the panel to coordinate with charter schools
15 in panel investigations and evaluations of charter
16 schools;
- 17 (12) Serving as the conduit to disseminate communications
18 from the panel, the board, and the department to all
19 charter schools;
- 20 (13) Determining charter school system needs and
21 communicating those needs to the panel, the board, and
22 the department;



1 (14) Establishing a dispute resolution and mediation
2 process; and

3 (15) Upon request by one or more charter schools, assisting
4 in the negotiation of a collective bargaining
5 agreement with the exclusive representative of its
6 employees.

7 (c) The executive director shall be evaluated annually by
8 the panel. The annual evaluation shall be conducted
9 sufficiently in advance of the end of a term to provide the
10 executive director the opportunity to respond to concerns and
11 improve performance.

12 (d) The office shall withhold funds for its operational
13 expenses, including the salaries of the executive director and
14 staff, from the annual charter school general fund
15 appropriation. The total amount of operational expenses
16 withheld:

17 (1) Shall not exceed two per cent of the annual charter
18 school general fund allocation, which shall not
19 include any funds carried over from previous years;

20 (2) Shall not include the amount of funds withheld under
21 subsections (g) and (h); and

22 (3) Shall be determined annually by the panel.



1 The [~~salary~~] salaries of the executive director and staff shall
2 be set by the panel based upon the recommendations of charter
3 schools within the State [~~; provided that the salaries and~~
4 ~~operational expenses of the office shall be paid from the annual~~
5 ~~charter school appropriation and shall not exceed two per cent~~
6 ~~of the total general fund allocation at an amount to be~~
7 ~~determined annually by the panel.] and in accordance with the
8 requirements of this subsection.~~

9 (e) The office shall report annually to the review panel
10 individual and aggregate expenditures of charter schools,
11 clearly distinguishing between expenditures for operational
12 purposes and for instructional purposes. The office shall adopt
13 rules to develop a standardized method for charter schools to
14 report the expenditures and to determine expenditures that
15 constitute expenditures for operational expenses and
16 expenditures for instructional purposes. If any charter school
17 fails to meet the reporting requirements under this subsection,
18 the office may retain a portion of that charter school's per-
19 pupil allocation pursuant to section 302B-12(e)(3).

20 [~~e~~] (f) The office shall include in its annual budget
21 request additional funds to cover the estimated costs of:



1 (1) Vacation and sick leave accrued by employees
2 transferring to a charter school from another state
3 agency or department;

4 (2) Substitute teachers needed when a teacher is out on
5 vacation or sick leave;

6 (3) Adjustments to enrollments; and

7 (4) Arbitration in the grievance process.

8 [~~(f)~~] (g) The office shall withhold funds for charter
9 school enrollments that are inconsistent with approved detailed
10 implementation plans.

11 [~~(g)~~] (h) The office shall withhold funds to repay
12 overpayments or over-allocations received by charter schools
13 when not repaid in a timely manner in accordance with rules
14 adopted by the board.

15 [~~(h)~~] (i) The office may carry over funds from previous
16 year allocations. Funds distributed to charter schools shall be
17 considered expended."

18 SECTION 7. Section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "§302B-12 Funding and finance. (a) Beginning with fiscal
21 year [~~2009-2010~~], 2010-2011, and each fiscal year thereafter,
22 the non-facility general fund per-pupil funding request for



1 charter school students shall ~~[not]~~ be ~~[less than]~~ the same as
2 the general fund per-pupil amount to the department in the most
3 recently approved executive budget recommendation for the
4 department, as set forth in paragraph (2); provided that:

5 (1) The general fund per-pupil funding request shall
6 ~~[include funding for]~~ be based upon reasonable
7 projected enrollment figures for ~~[each]~~ all charter
8 ~~[school,]~~ schools; and

9 (2) The general fund per-pupil request for each regular
10 education and special education student shall:

11 (A) Include all general fund regular education cost
12 categories, including comprehensive school
13 support services, but excluding special education
14 services~~[,]~~, adult education, and the after-
15 school plus program; provided that ~~[special~~
16 ~~education]~~ these services are provided and funded
17 by the department; and

18 ~~[-B-] Include all means of financing except federal~~
19 ~~funds, as reported in the most recently approved~~
20 ~~executive budget recommendations for the~~
21 ~~department; provided that in preparing the budget~~
22 ~~the executive director shall include an analysis~~



1 ~~of the proposed budget in relationship to the~~
2 ~~most recently published department consolidated~~
3 ~~annual financial report; and~~

4 ~~(C)]~~ (B) Exclude fringe benefit costs and debt
5 service.

6 (b) Fringe benefit costs for charter school employees,
7 regardless of the payroll system utilized by a charter school,
8 shall be included in the department of budget and finance's
9 annual budget request. No fringe benefit costs shall be charged
10 directly to or deducted from the charter school per-pupil
11 allocations.

12 The legislature shall [make] consider the budget request
13 when making an appropriation [~~based upon the budget request~~];
14 provided that the legislature may make additional appropriations
15 for [~~fringe, workers' compensation, and other employee benefits~~
16 ~~and] facility [costs. The legislature may make additional~~
17 ~~appropriations for other requested amounts that benefit charter~~
18 ~~schools.] and other costs.~~

19 The governor, pursuant to chapter 37, may impose
20 restrictions or reductions on charter school appropriations
21 similar to those imposed on other public schools.



1 (c) Charter schools shall be eligible for all federal
2 financial support to the same extent as all other public
3 schools. The department shall provide the office with all
4 state-level federal grant proposals submitted by the department
5 that include charter schools as potential recipients and timely
6 reports on state-level federal grants received for which charter
7 schools may apply or are entitled to receive. Federal funds
8 received by the department for charter schools shall be
9 transferred to the office for distribution to charter schools in
10 accordance with the federal requirements. If administrative
11 services related to federal grants and subsidies are provided to
12 the charter school by the department, the charter school shall
13 reimburse the department for the actual costs of the
14 administrative services in an amount that shall not exceed six
15 and one-half per cent of the charter school's federal grants and
16 subsidies.

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 (d) The office shall calculate a general fund per-pupil
11 amount based upon the amount of general funds appropriated by
12 the legislature and released by the governor and the projected
13 enrollment amount used to calculate the general funds
14 appropriated pursuant to subsection (a).

15 (1) Per-pupil distributions to the charter schools
16 pursuant to subsection (e) shall be based upon the
17 per-pupil amount as calculated by the office pursuant
18 to this subsection. The per-pupil distributions shall
19 be deposited into the charter schools account
20 established by subsection (i).

21 (2) In years when the projected enrollment used to
22 calculate the per-pupil amount pursuant to this



1 subsection exceeds the total actual enrollment as
2 reported by the charter schools as of October 15, the
3 excess funds shall remain in the state treasury in the
4 charter schools account.

5 (A) General funds pursuant to this section remaining
6 in the charter schools account within the state
7 treasury at the end of each fiscal year and in
8 excess of \$5,000,000 shall lapse to the credit of
9 the state general fund.

10 (B) General funds remaining in the charter schools
11 account in the state treasury pursuant to this
12 section that are less than \$5,000,000 shall carry
13 over to subsequent years to be used to provide
14 per-pupil funding in years when the projected
15 enrollment amount is less than the actual per-
16 pupil enrollment reported by the charter schools
17 on October 15 of each year.

18 (3) The office shall submit a report to the legislature no
19 later than twenty days prior to each regular session
20 that contains each charter school's current school
21 year projection that is used to submit the budget
22 request, the updated May 15 enrollment projection, the



1 actual October 15 enrollment count, the office's
2 reviewed and verified enrollment count, the office's
3 reviewed and verified enrollment count, and the
4 November 15 enrollment count. This report shall also
5 provide an accounting of the use, if any, of state
6 general funds pursuant to subsection (d) (2) (B).

7 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) To enable charter schools to access state
8 funding prior to the start of each school year, foster their
9 fiscal planning, ~~[and]~~ enhance their accountability, and avoid
10 over-allocating general funds to charter schools based on self-
11 reported enrollment projections, the office shall:

- 12 (1) Provide ~~[fifty]~~ sixty per cent of a charter school's
13 per-pupil allocation based on the charter school's
14 projected student enrollment no later than July 20 of
15 each fiscal year; provided that the charter school
16 shall have submitted to the office a projected student
17 enrollment no later than May 15 of each year;
- 18 (2) Provide an additional ~~[forty]~~ thirty per cent of a
19 charter school's per-pupil allocation no later than
20 ~~[November 15]~~ December 1 of each year ~~[, provided that~~
21 ~~the charter school shall have submitted to the office.~~



1 ~~(A) Student enrollment as verified on October 15 of~~
2 ~~each year; provided that the student enrollment~~
3 ~~shall be verified on the last business day~~
4 ~~immediately prior to October 15 should that date~~
5 ~~fall on a weekend; and~~

6 ~~(B) An accounting of the percentage of student~~
7 ~~enrollment that transferred from public schools~~
8 ~~established and maintained by the department;~~
9 ~~provided that these accountings shall also be~~
10 ~~submitted by the office to the legislature no~~
11 ~~later than twenty days prior to the start of each~~
12 ~~regular session;], based on the October 15~~
13 ~~student enrollment, as reviewed and verified by~~
14 ~~the office, only to schools in compliance with~~
15 ~~the office financial reporting requirements; and~~

16 (3) Retain no more than the balance of the remaining ten
17 per cent of a charter school's per-pupil allocation,
18 as recalculated by the department of budget and
19 finance pursuant to subsection (a), as a contingency
20 balance to ensure fiscal accountability and
21 compliance, no later than June 30 of each year [as a



1 ~~contingency balance to ensure fiscal accountability~~
2 ~~and compliance~~];
3 provided that the panel may make adjustments in allocations
4 based on noncompliance with board policies made in the board's
5 capacity as the state education agency, department directives
6 made in the department's capacity as the state education agency,
7 the office's administrative procedures, and board-approved
8 accountability requirements.

9 (f) Any check transferring a per-pupil allocation from the
10 office to a charter school under this section shall be co-signed
11 by the executive director and an authorized agent of the charter
12 school review panel.

13 ~~(e)~~ (g) The department shall provide appropriate
14 transitional resources to a conversion charter school for its
15 first year of operation as a charter school based upon the
16 department's allocation to the school for the year prior to the
17 conversion.

18 ~~(f)~~ (h) No start-up charter school or conversion charter
19 school may assess tuition.

20 (i) There is created in the treasury of the State, as a
21 separate account, the charter schools account, into which shall



1 be deposited per-pupil distributions in accordance with
2 subsection (d)."

3 SECTION 8. Section 302B-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 repealed.

5 [~~"§302B-4 Limits on charter schools. The panel may~~
6 ~~authorize one new start up charter school for each existing~~
7 ~~start up charter school that has received a three year or longer~~
8 ~~accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and~~
9 ~~Colleges or a comparable accreditation authority as determined~~
10 ~~by the panel, or for each start up charter school whose charter~~
11 ~~is revoked. The total number of conversion charter schools~~
12 ~~authorized by the panel shall not exceed twenty five."~~]

13 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 10. In codifying the new sections added by section
16 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
17 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
18 the new sections in this Act.

19 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Charter Schools; Repeal Cap; Funding; Reauthorization; Vacant School Facilities

Description:

Requires the department of education to make available vacant school facilities or portions of school facilities for use by charter schools, provided that the department may elect to use the facilities for education programs, with preference given to instructional purposes. Requires the charter school review panel (CSRP) to compile a prioritized list of charter schools that wish to use vacant school facilities or portions of school facilities. Makes changes to charter school funding. Requires the CSRP to determine a clear process with rigorous criteria for the reauthorization of charter schools. Requires the CSRP to reauthorize charter schools no later than four years following the initial issue of the charter, and every four years thereafter. Requires the charter school administrative office (CSAO) to withhold funds for its operational expenses, subject to certain requirements. Requires the CSAO to withhold the December 1 allocation of funds from any charter school that is not in compliance with the office financial reporting requirements. Requires the CSAO to report annually to the CSRP individual and aggregate operational and instructional expenditures of charter schools. Requires per-pupil allocation checks paid by the CSAO to individual charter schools to be co-signed by the executive director of the CSAO and an agent of the CSRP. Repeals the cap on the number of charter schools. Effective 7/1/2050.

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