

SENATE FILE 2033

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1 Amend Senate File 2033 as follows:

2 1. Page 14, after line 33 by inserting:

3 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 256F.12 Charter school  
4 expansion.

5 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of this  
6 chapter, the purpose of a charter school established  
7 pursuant to this chapter shall be to do the following:

8 a. Improve student learning.

9 b. Increase learning opportunities for all  
10 students, with special emphasis on expanded learning  
11 experiences for students identified as academically  
12 low-achieving.

13 c. Encourage different and innovative methods of  
14 teaching.

15 d. Increase choice of learning opportunities for  
16 children.

17 e. Create innovative measurement tools for  
18 measuring learning outcomes.

19 f. Relieve schools of paperwork and procedures  
20 that are otherwise required by the state, except those  
21 required for purposes of safety, fiscal accountability,  
22 and documentation of student achievement.

23 2. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of this  
24 chapter or any other provision of law, approval of a  
25 charter school application submitted to the state board  
26 by a person shall be based on consideration of all of  
27 the following:

28 a. The charter school's budget in detail.

29 b. The methods by which academic achievement will  
30 be measured.

31 c. The measures that will be used to assure that at  
32 least ninety-five percent of the students enrolled in  
33 the charter school will demonstrate a minimum of one  
34 year of academic growth for each year of instruction.

35 d. The administration of the Iowa test of basic  
36 skills and the Iowa tests of educational development in  
37 the manner and frequency used by the majority of school  
38 districts in this state.

39 e. The admissions procedures and dismissal  
40 procedures to be employed.

41 f. The qualifications to be required of the  
42 teachers.

43 3. A charter school shall be open to all students  
44 and shall have the maximum flexibility to enroll  
45 students.

46 4. A charter school shall be free of tuition and  
47 application and other fees, except those fees regularly  
48 charged by other public schools, to Iowa resident  
49 students between the ages of five and twenty-one.

50 5. A charter school established pursuant to this

1 chapter shall submit the following reports to the state  
2 board:

3     *a.* The charter school's progress toward achieving  
4 the goals outlined in the charter school proposal.

5     *b.* The financial records of the charter school.>

6     2. By renumbering as necessary.

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