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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of Iowa charter schools.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 6, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. FACILITY OR SCHOOL VISIT. The assessment may include a
4 visit to a facility providing care to the child named in the
5 report or to any public or private school subject to the
6 authority of the department of education where the child named
7 in the report is located. The administrator of a facility, or
8 a public or private school shall cooperate with the child
9 protection worker by providing confidential access to the
10 child named in the report for the purpose of interviewing the
11 child, and shall allow the child protection worker
12 confidential access to other children for the purpose of
13 conducting interviews in order to obtain relevant information.
14 The child protection worker may observe a child named in a
15 report in accordance with the provisions of section 232.68,
16 subsection 3, paragraph "b". A witness shall be present
17 during an observation of a child. Any child aged ten years of
18 age or older can terminate contact with the child protection
19 worker by stating or indicating the child's wish to
20 discontinue the contact. The immunity granted by section
21 232.73 applies to acts or omissions in good faith of
22 administrators and their facilities, charter schools, or
23 school districts for cooperating in an assessment and allowing
24 confidential access to a child.

25 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256F.1 TITLE.

26 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Iowa
27 Charter School Act".

28 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256F.2 PURPOSES.

29 It is the purpose of this chapter to provide a means to
30 revitalize education and continually do all of the following:

- 31 1. Improve student learning.
- 32 2. Increase the choice of learning opportunities for
33 students.
- 34 3. Require the measurement of learning outcomes and create
35 innovative measurement tools.

- 1 4. Establish new forms of accountability for schools.
- 2 5. Make the school the unit for improvement.
- 3 6. Create new professional opportunities for teachers,
- 4 including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning
- 5 program at the school site.

6 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 256F.3 DEFINITIONS.

7 As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise
8 requires:

- 9 1. "Department" means the department of education.
- 10 2. "Director" means the director of the department of
11 education.
- 12 3. "Sponsor" means a governmental body seeking to sponsor
13 or receiving approval to sponsor a charter school under this
14 chapter.

15 4. "State board" means the state board of education.

16 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 256F.4 APPLICABILITY.

17 This chapter applies only to charter schools organized and
18 operated under this chapter.

19 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 256F.5 ORGANIZATION OF CHARTER
20 SCHOOL UNDER STATE LAW.

21 A charter school shall be organized and operated as a
22 nonprofit association, nonprofit corporation, partnership,
23 limited partnership, business corporation, or as any other
24 group of individuals however organized under state law.

25 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 256F.6 ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION
26 OF CHARTER SCHOOL.

27 1. A city, county, school district, community college, an
28 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
29 board of regents, or a state body which is designated or
30 created by law by the general assembly to organize and operate
31 or oversee the operation of a charter school, may sponsor one
32 or more charter schools by filing an affidavit with the state
33 board stating its intent to organize and operate or oversee
34 the operation of a charter school. The affidavit shall state
35 the terms and conditions under which the sponsor pledges to

1 organize and operate or oversee the operation of a charter
2 school. The state board shall approve or disapprove a
3 sponsor's proposed sponsorship within ninety days of receipt
4 of an affidavit. Failure to obtain approval by the state
5 board precludes a sponsor from organizing and operating or
6 overseeing the operation of the charter school that was the
7 subject of the affidavit. A sponsor designated or created by
8 the general assembly to sponsor one or more charter schools is
9 exempt from this subsection.

10 2. A school district shall not sponsor a charter school
11 located in another school district unless the districts enter
12 into a chapter 28E agreement for the operation of the charter
13 school. The state board shall not approve more than ten
14 charter schools. The state board shall establish an order of
15 priority for the approval of charter schools which shall
16 accord greatest priority to areas of the state with the
17 greatest need for educational and sponsor diversity.

18 3. A sponsor may authorize one or more teachers licensed
19 under chapter 272 to operate a charter school.

20 4. A sponsor approved by the state board to organize and
21 operate or oversee the operation of a charter school, or
22 designated or created by the general assembly to organize and
23 operate or oversee the operation of a charter school shall
24 conduct an election for members of the charter school's board
25 of directors in a timely manner after the charter school
26 begins operation. Staff members employed by the charter
27 school, including teachers providing instruction under a
28 contract with the charter school and all parents of children
29 enrolled in the charter school, may vote in the election.
30 Licensed teachers employed by the charter school, including
31 teachers providing instruction under a contract with the
32 charter school, shall constitute a majority of the members of
33 the board of directors. A provisional board of directors may
34 operate before the election of the charter school's board of
35 directors. The board of directors is a governmental body for

1 purposes of chapter 21 and 22.

2 6. The approval by the state board of a sponsor shall not
3 be conditioned upon the bargaining unit status of the
4 employees of the charter school.

5 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 256F.7 CONVERSION OF EXISTING
6 SCHOOLS.

7 The board of directors of a school district may convert one
8 of its existing schools to a charter school under this chapter
9 if sixty percent of the full-time teachers at the school sign
10 a petition seeking conversion. The conversion must occur at
11 the beginning of an academic year.

12 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 256F.8 CONTRACT.

13 A sponsor's authorization for a charter school shall be
14 memorialized in a written contract executed by the sponsor and
15 the board of directors of the charter school. Within ninety
16 days of receiving authorization of the state board, the
17 contract for a charter school shall be complete and in writing
18 and contain, at a minimum, the following:

19 1. A description of a program that carries out one or more
20 of the purposes enumerated in section 256F.2.

21 2. Specific outcomes students are to achieve and the
22 method of measurement that will be used.

23 3. Admission policies and procedures.

24 4. A description of the management and administration of
25 the charter school.

26 5. Requirements and procedures for program and financial
27 audits.

28 6. A plan describing methods for complying with sections
29 256F.10, 256F.14, 256F.16, and 256F.22.

30 7. Assurance of the assumption of liability by the charter
31 school.

32 8. Types and amounts of insurance coverage to be obtained
33 by the charter school.

34 9. The term of the contract, which may be up to three
35 years.

1 10. If the board of directors or the operators of the
2 charter school provide special instruction and services for
3 children requiring special education under chapter 256B, a
4 description of the financial parameters within which the
5 charter school will operate to provide the special instruction
6 and services to children requiring special education.

7 11. The qualifications to be required of the professional
8 licensed staff.

9 12. Assurance that the school will comply with the
10 requirements of section 256.7, subsection 21.

11 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 256F.9 PUBLIC STATUS -- EXEMPTION
12 FROM STATUTES AND RULES.

13 A charter school is a public school and is part of the
14 state's system of public education. However, except as
15 otherwise provided in this chapter, a charter school is exempt
16 from all statutes and rules applicable to a school or a school
17 district, although the charter school may elect to comply with
18 one or more provisions of statutes or rules.

19 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 256F.10 GENERAL OPERATING
20 REQUIREMENTS.

21 1. A charter school shall meet all applicable federal,
22 state, and local health and safety requirements.

23 2. A charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs,
24 admission policies, employment practices, and all other
25 operations. A sponsor shall not organize or operate or
26 oversee the operation of a charter school or program that is
27 affiliated with a nonpublic sectarian school or a religious
28 institution.

29 3. A charter school shall not charge tuition.

30 4. A charter school is subject to and shall comply with
31 chapters 216 and 216A relating to civil and human rights.

32 5. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
33 charter school may, but shall not be required to, conform to
34 uniform state financial accounting and reporting standards and
35 processes, laws, and regulations governing school districts.

1 However, the sponsor of a charter school shall contract for an
2 annual financial audit by a certified public accountant in
3 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The
4 audit shall examine the validity and integrity of data
5 reported to the state for state school foundation aid purposes
6 and internal controls of the charter school.

7 6. A charter school is a school district for the purposes
8 of tort liability under chapter 670.

9 7. A charter school shall not be used as a method of
10 providing education or generating revenue for students
11 receiving competent private instruction pursuant to chapter
12 299A.

13 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 256F.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

14 1. A charter school may limit admission to any of the
15 following:

16 a. Students within an age group or grade level.

17 b. Students who are eligible to participate in an
18 alternative options education program under section 280.19A.

19 2. A charter school shall enroll an eligible student who
20 submits a timely application, unless the number of
21 applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade
22 level, or building. In that case, students shall be accepted
23 by lot.

24 3. A charter school shall not limit admission to students
25 on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement
26 or aptitude, or athletic ability.

27 4. A private school converting to charter school status
28 shall not give preference in admissions to prior students.

29 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 256F.12 EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER
30 OPERATING MATTERS.

31 1. A charter school shall employ or contract with
32 necessary teachers, as defined in section 272.1, who hold a
33 valid license with an endorsement for the type of service for
34 which the teacher is employed or who hold a license developed
35 and issued in accordance with section 272.2, subsection 13. A

1 charter school may employ necessary employees who are not
2 required to hold teaching licenses to perform duties other
3 than teaching and may contract for other services. A charter
4 school may discipline and discharge teachers and nonlicensed
5 employees in accordance with its own procedures. A person,
6 without holding a valid administrator's license, may perform
7 administrative, supervisory, or instructional leadership
8 duties for a charter school.

9 2. The board of directors of a charter school shall decide
10 matters related to the operation of the charter school,
11 including budgeting, curriculum, and operating procedures.

12 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 256F.13 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL
13 EDUCATION NEEDS.

14 A charter school, as a public school, shall comply with
15 section 280.8 as though it were a school district. However,
16 the education of children requiring special education shall be
17 the financial responsibility of the school district of
18 residence.

19 Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. 256F.14 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

20 A charter school shall provide instruction each year for at
21 least the number of days required by section 279.10,
22 subsection 1, unless the school provides instruction
23 throughout the year according to section 256.20 or section
24 279.10, subsection 3.

25 Sec. 16. NEW SECTION. 256F.15 REPORTS.

26 A charter school shall report at least annually to its
27 sponsor and the state board the information required by the
28 sponsor or the state board. The reports are public records
29 subject to chapter 22.

30 Sec. 17. NEW SECTION. 256F.16 TRANSPORTATION.

31 1. By July 1 of each year, a charter school shall notify
32 the school district in which the charter school is located and
33 the department if the charter school will provide
34 transportation for students enrolled at the charter school for
35 the fiscal year.

1 2. If a charter school elects to provide transportation
2 for students, the transportation shall be provided by the
3 charter school within the school district in which the charter
4 school is located. The state shall pay transportation aid to
5 the charter school according to section 285.1.

6 3. For students who reside outside the school district in
7 which the charter school is located, the charter school is not
8 required to provide or pay for transportation between the
9 student's residence and the boundary line of the school
10 district in which the charter school is located. A parent may
11 be reimbursed by the charter school for costs of
12 transportation from the student's residence to the boundary
13 line of the school district in which the charter school is
14 located if the student is from a family whose income is at or
15 below the poverty level, as defined by the most recently
16 revised poverty income guidelines published by the United
17 States department of health and human services. The
18 reimbursement shall be in the manner provided in section 285.3
19 for parental reimbursement for nonpublic school student
20 transportation.

21 4. At the time a student enrolls in a charter school, the
22 charter school shall provide the parent or guardian with
23 information regarding transportation.

24 5. If a charter school does not elect to provide
25 transportation, transportation for students enrolled at the
26 school shall be provided by the school district in which the
27 charter school is located, in the manner provided in section
28 285.1, subsection 15, for a student residing in the same
29 district in which a nonpublic school designated for attendance
30 is located. Transportation may be provided by the school
31 district in which the charter school is located for a student
32 residing in a different school district, in the same manner
33 provided for in section 285.1, subsection 16, for students
34 whose nonpublic school designated for attendance is located
35 outside the boundary line of the school district of the

1 student's residence.

2 Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. 256F.17 LEASED SPACE.

3 A charter school may lease space from a school district or
4 from a public, or private nonprofit, nonsectarian
5 organization. If a charter school is unable to lease
6 appropriate space from a school district or public or private
7 nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, the charter school may
8 lease space from another nonsectarian organization if the
9 department, in consultation with the department of management,
10 approves the lease. If the charter school is unable to lease
11 appropriate space from public or private nonsectarian
12 organizations, the charter school may lease space from a
13 sectarian organization if the leased space is constructed as a
14 school facility and the department, in consultation with the
15 department of management, approves the lease.

16 Sec. 19. NEW SECTION. 256F.18 AUTHORITY TO RAISE INITIAL
17 WORKING CAPITAL.

18 A sponsor may authorize a charter school to raise working
19 capital before the charter school has secured its space,
20 equipment, facilities, and personnel if the charter school
21 shows that such working capital is necessary for the charter
22 school to operate. A sponsor shall not authorize a charter
23 school to raise working capital prior to the sponsorship
24 receiving state board approval in accordance with section
25 256F.5.

26 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. 256F.19 DISSEMINATE INFORMATION.

27 The department shall disseminate information to the public
28 on how to organize and operate a charter school and sponsors
29 and operators of charter schools shall disseminate information
30 on how to utilize the offerings of a charter school.
31 Particular groups to be targeted include low-income families
32 and communities and minority students.

33 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. 256F.20 LEAVE TO TEACH IN A
34 CHARTER SCHOOL.

35 1. If a teacher employed by a school district makes a

1 written request for an extended leave of absence to teach at a
2 charter school, the school district shall grant the leave for
3 not more than five years. The school district may require
4 that the request for a leave be made up to ninety days before
5 the teacher would otherwise have to report for duty to the
6 school district. While on leave, the teacher shall retain the
7 teacher's seniority position and continue to receive benefits
8 received as an employee of the school district, except as
9 provided in subsection 2. The school district shall grant to
10 the teacher service credit for the teacher's teaching
11 experience at a charter school, provided the service at the
12 charter school is reasonably comparable to service in a school
13 district.

14 2. During a leave, the teacher may continue to aggregate
15 benefits and credits in the Iowa public employees' retirement
16 system if the teacher and the charter school or the state pay
17 the employee and employer contributions based upon the annual
18 salary of the teacher for the last full pay period before the
19 leave began. The Iowa public employees' retirement system may
20 impose reasonable requirements to efficiently administer this
21 section.

22 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 256F.21 TEACHER AND OTHER EMPLOYEE
23 RETIREMENT.

24 Teachers in a charter school shall be public school
25 employees for the purposes of chapter 97B.

26 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 256F.22 CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR
27 TERMINATION.

28 1. The duration of a charter school contract with a
29 sponsor shall be for the term contained in the contract under
30 section 256F.8. At the end of the term the sponsor may renew
31 a contract or may deny renewal of a contract for any ground
32 listed in subsection 2. A sponsor may unilaterally terminate
33 a contract during the term of the contract for any ground
34 listed in subsection 2. At least sixty days before denying
35 renewal or terminating a contract, the sponsor shall notify

1 the board of directors of the charter school of the proposed
2 action in writing. The notice shall state the grounds for the
3 proposed action in reasonable detail and that the charter
4 school's board of directors may request in writing within
5 fourteen days of receiving notice of nonrenewal or termination
6 of the contract an informal hearing before the sponsor.
7 Failure by the board of directors to make a timely written
8 request for a hearing shall be treated as acquiescence to the
9 proposed action. Upon receiving a timely written request for
10 a hearing, the sponsor shall give reasonable notice to the
11 charter school's board of directors of the hearing date. The
12 sponsor shall conduct an informal hearing before taking final
13 action. The sponsor shall take final action to renew or to
14 deny renewal of a contract by the last day of classes in the
15 school year. The charter school's board of directors may
16 appeal the sponsor's decision to the state board.

17 2. A contract may be terminated or denied renewal upon any
18 of the following grounds:

19 a. Failure to meet the requirements for student
20 performance contained in the contract.

21 b. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal
22 management.

23 c. For violations of law or other good cause shown.

24 3. If a contract is terminated or denied renewal, the
25 charter school shall be dissolved according to the applicable
26 provisions of state law under which it was organized.

27 Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. 256F.23 STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

28 If a charter school contract is not renewed or is
29 terminated according to section 256F.22, a student who
30 attended the charter school, siblings of the student, or
31 another student who resides in the same place as the student
32 may enroll in the resident district or may submit an
33 application to a nonresident school district according to
34 section 282.18 at any time. Applications and notices required
35 by section 282.18 shall be processed and provided in a prompt

1 manner. The application and notice deadlines in section
2 282.18 do not apply under these circumstances.

3 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. 256F.24 GENERAL AUTHORITY.

4 The board of directors of a charter school may sue and be
5 sued. The board of directors shall not levy taxes or issue
6 bonds.

7 Sec. 26. NEW SECTION. 256F.25 IMMUNITY.

8 The provisions of sections 280.21, 670.7, and 672.1 shall
9 apply to a charter school and its employees.

10 The board of directors of a charter school shall obtain at
11 least the amount of and types of insurance required by the
12 contract, according to section 256F.8.

13 Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. 256F.26 STATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION
14 AND OTHER AID FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL.

15 1. A student enrolled in a charter school shall be
16 counted, for state school foundation aid purposes, in the
17 student's school district of residence. A student's
18 residence, for purposes of this section, shall be as
19 established under section 282.1. The board of directors of
20 the school district of residence shall pay to the charter
21 school the district cost per pupil, or the charter school's
22 cost per pupil as determined by the department based upon
23 information supplied by the charter school, whichever is
24 lower, plus any moneys received for the student as a result of
25 non-English speaking weighting under section 280.4, subsection
26 3, for each school year. The school district of residence
27 shall also transmit the phase III moneys allocated to the
28 school district for the full-time equivalent attendance of the
29 student to the charter school.

30 2. If a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a
31 charter school under this chapter moves to a different school
32 district during the course of either school district's
33 academic year, the child's first district of residence shall
34 be responsible for payment of the cost per pupil plus
35 weightings or special education costs to the charter school

1 for the balance of the school year in which the move took
2 place. The new school district of residence shall be
3 responsible for the payments during the succeeding years.

4 3. A charter school shall be considered a school district
5 for purposes of receiving state aid under chapters 256D, 256E,
6 294A, and 295.

7 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. 256F.27 OTHER AID -- GRANTS --
8 REVENUE.

9 A charter school is eligible to receive federal and state
10 aid, grants, and revenue, and gifts and grants from private
11 sources as though it were a school district. Federal aid
12 received by the state must be paid to the charter school, if
13 it qualifies for the aid as though it were a school district.

14 Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 256F.28 USE OF STATE MONEY.

15 Money received from the state by a charter school shall not
16 be used to purchase land or buildings. The charter school may
17 own land and buildings if obtained through nonstate sources.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill sets up provisions by which charter schools may
20 be established. The bill also establishes the purposes for
21 which the schools shall be established.

22 SPONSORSHIP: A governmental body is seeking to sponsor or
23 receiving authorization to sponsor a charter school.

24 OPERATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL: The school shall be organized
25 and operated as a nonprofit association, nonprofit
26 corporation, partnership, limited partnership, business
27 corporation, or as any other group of individuals however
28 organized under state law. Before a sponsor may organize and
29 operate a school, the sponsor must file an affidavit with the
30 state board stating its intent to organize a charter school
31 and receive state board approval.

32 CONVERSION OF EXISTING SCHOOLS: The board of directors of
33 a school district may convert one of its existing schools to a
34 charter school if 60 percent of the teachers at the school
35 sign a petition seeking conversion.

1 CONTRACT: The sponsor's authorization for a charter school
2 shall be in the form of a written contract signed by the
3 sponsor and the board of directors of the charter school. The
4 bill sets forth the items a contract must contain.

5 PUBLIC SCHOOL STATUS: A charter school is a public school
6 and is part of the state's system of public education but,
7 except as provided in the bill, is exempt from all statutes
8 and rules applicable to a school or a school district,
9 although it may elect to comply with one or more provisions of
10 statutes or rules. A charter school shall meet and abide by
11 all applicable state and local health and safety requirements,
12 length of school year Code provisions, civil and human rights
13 laws, and laws relating to suspension and expulsion of a
14 student, and is subject to an annual financial audit. A
15 charter school must be nonsectarian in its programs, admission
16 policies, employment practices, and all other operations.

17 TUITION-FREE: A charter school shall not charge tuition.

18 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A charter school may limit
19 admission to students within an age group or grade level, and
20 to individuals eligible to participate in an alternative
21 options education program for dropouts or potential dropouts.

22 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF: A charter school shall employ or
23 contract with necessary teachers who hold a valid license
24 issued by the board of educational examiners, though the
25 administrator of the school need not be licensed by the board.
26 The school may employ necessary employees who are not required
27 to hold teaching licenses to perform duties other than
28 teaching and may contract for other services. The school may
29 discipline and discharge teachers and nonlicensed employees in
30 accordance with its own procedures.

31 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS: The education of
32 students requiring special education shall be the financial
33 responsibility of the school district of residence. However,
34 a charter school must accept students requiring special
35 education.

1 **REPORTS:** A charter school must report at least annually to
2 its sponsor and the state board of education and the reports
3 are public records.

4 **TRANSPORTATION:** By July 1 of each year, a charter school
5 shall notify the district in which the school is located and
6 the department if it will provide transportation for students
7 enrolled at the school for the fiscal year. The state shall
8 pay transportation aid to the charter school as if it were a
9 regular public school, and shall reimburse charter school
10 parents and school districts for transportation costs in the
11 same manner as parents and school districts are reimbursed for
12 transportation costs. However, a parent may be reimbursed by
13 the charter school for costs of transportation from the
14 student's residence to the border of the district in which the
15 charter school is located if the student is from a family
16 whose income is at or below the poverty level.

17 **LEASED SPACE:** A charter school may lease space from a
18 school district or public or private nonprofit, nonsectarian
19 organization. If the school is unable to lease appropriate
20 space from public or private nonsectarian organizations, the
21 school may lease space from a sectarian organization if the
22 leased space is constructed as a school facility and the
23 department, in consultation with the department of management,
24 approves the lease.

25 **INITIAL COSTS:** A sponsor may authorize a charter school
26 before it has secured its space, equipment, facilities, and
27 personnel to raise working capital if necessary.

28 **LEAVE TO TEACH IN A CHARTER SCHOOL:** If a teacher employed
29 by a school district makes a written request for an extended
30 leave of absence to teach at a charter school, the school
31 district shall grant the leave for not more than five years.

32 **IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM:** Teachers in a
33 charter school shall be public school teachers for the
34 purposes of retirement system benefits under Code chapter 97B.
35 During a leave, the teacher shall retain the teacher's

1 seniority position and continue to receive benefits received
2 as an employee of the district, and may continue to aggregate
3 benefits and credits in the Iowa public employees' retirement
4 system. The Iowa public employees' retirement system may
5 impose reasonable requirements to efficiently administer this
6 provision.

7 CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION: The bill provides
8 the conditions under which a contract may not be renewed or
9 may be terminated. The sponsor must provide adequate notice
10 stating the grounds for the proposed action in reasonable
11 detail. The charter school's board of directors may request
12 within 14 days of receiving notice of nonrenewal or
13 termination of the contract an informal hearing before the
14 sponsor. A contract may be terminated or denied renewal for
15 failure to meet the requirements for student performance
16 contained in the contract, failure to meet generally accepted
17 standards of fiscal management, or for violations of law or
18 other good cause shown.

19 OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION UNDER DISSOLUTION: If a charter
20 school is dissolved, a student who attended the school,
21 siblings of the student, or another student who resides in the
22 same place as the student may enroll in the resident district
23 or may submit an open enrollment application to a nonresident
24 district and the open enrollment application and notice
25 deadlines do not apply.

26 GENERAL AUTHORITY: The board of directors of a charter
27 school may sue and be sued but cannot levy taxes or issue
28 bonds.

29 STATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION AID: A charter school shall be
30 considered a school district for purposes of receiving state
31 school foundation aid, non-English speaking weighting,
32 technology, early intervention, and phase III moneys.

33 OTHER AID, GRANTS, AND REVENUE: A charter school is
34 eligible to receive other state or federal educational aid,
35 grants, and revenue, and gifts and grants from private sources

1 as though it were a school district. Federal aid received by
2 the state must be paid to a charter school, if it qualifies
3 for the aid, as though it were a school district.

4 USE OF STATE MONEYS TO PURCHASE LAND OR BUILDINGS: Money
5 received from the state shall not be used to purchase land or
6 buildings. The school may own land and buildings if obtained
7 through nonstate sources.

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