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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the number of charter school applications the
2 state board of education may approve.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256F.3, subsection 6, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. Upon approval of an application for the proposed
4 establishment of a charter school, the school board shall
5 submit an application for approval to establish the charter
6 school to the state board in accordance with section 256F.5.
7 The application shall set forth the manner in which the
8 charter school will provide special instruction, in accordance
9 with section 280.4, to students who are limited English
10 proficient. The application shall set forth the manner in
11 which the charter school will comply with federal and state
12 laws and regulations relating to the federal National School
13 Lunch Act and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42
14 U.S.C. § 1751-1785, and chapter 283A. The state board shall
15 approve only those applications that meet the requirements
16 specified in section 256F.1, subsection 3, and sections 256F.4
17 and 256F.5. The state board may deny an application if the
18 state board deems that approval of the application is not in
19 the best interest of the affected students. The state board
20 shall approve not more than ten twenty charter school
21 applications. The state board shall approve not more than one
22 charter school application per school district. ~~However, if~~
23 ~~the state board receives ten or fewer applications as of June~~
24 ~~30, 2003, and two or more of the applications received by the~~
25 ~~state board by that date are submitted by one school district,~~
26 ~~the state board may approve any or all of the applications~~
27 ~~submitted by the school district.~~ The state board shall adopt
28 rules in accordance with chapter 17A for the implementation
29 administration of this chapter.

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EXPLANATION

31 This bill increases the number of charter school
32 applications that the state board of education may approve
33 from 10 to 20. An obsolete provision is eliminated.

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