

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; amending s.  
3           228.056, F.S., relating to charter schools;  
4           prohibiting the use of certain tax revenues for  
5           operational expenses of charter schools;  
6           creating s. 228.0561, F.S.; authorizing charter  
7           conversion municipal subdistricts; providing  
8           requirements; providing for areas of municipal  
9           jurisdiction; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section  
14           228.056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           228.056 Charter schools.--

16           (13) REVENUE.--Students enrolled in a charter school,  
17           regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are  
18           in a basic program or a special program, the same as students  
19           enrolled in other public schools in the school district.  
20           Funding for a chartered developmental research school shall be  
21           as provided in s. 228.053(9).

22           (b) The basis for the agreement for funding students  
23           enrolled in a charter school shall be the sum of the school  
24           district's operating funds from the Florida Education Finance  
25           Program as provided in s. 236.081 and the General  
26           Appropriations Act, including gross state and local funds,  
27           discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school  
28           district's current operating discretionary millage levy;  
29           divided by total funded weighted full-time equivalent students  
30           in the school district; multiplied by the weighted full-time  
31           equivalent students for the charter school. Charter schools

1 whose students or programs meet the eligibility criteria in  
2 law shall be entitled to their proportionate share of  
3 categorical program funds included in the total funds  
4 available in the Florida Education Finance Program by the  
5 Legislature, including transportation. Total funding for each  
6 charter school will be recalculated during the year to reflect  
7 the revised calculations under the Florida Education Finance  
8 Program by the state and the actual weighted full-time  
9 equivalent students reported by the charter school during the  
10 full-time equivalent student survey periods designated by the  
11 Commissioner of Education. The taxation authority of any  
12 county, municipality, or special district shall not be used to  
13 provide additional operational revenues to any charter school.

14 Section 2. Section 228.0561, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16 228.0561 Charter conversion municipal  
17 subdistricts.--Pursuant to s. 228.056, but notwithstanding s.  
18 228.056(8)(h), upon majority vote of the eligible voters  
19 voting and compliance with s. 228.056, a municipality or  
20 municipalities with a total population of more than 25,000  
21 residents may present to the district school board a school or  
22 group of schools to be governed by the charter school  
23 governing body which is appointed by the governing body of the  
24 municipality, the governing bodies of the municipalities, or  
25 the governing body of an unincorporated area, or any  
26 combination thereof. Unincorporated areas adjacent to  
27 incorporated municipalities may be included in the area of  
28 municipal jurisdiction for the purposes of this section if the  
29 governing bodies of the municipality or municipalities and the  
30 county in which the area is located agree on the boundaries of  
31 such additional areas. Upon receipt of a request for a charter

1 municipal subdistrict in accordance with this section, if  
2 approved by the district school board pursuant to s. 228.056,  
3 the district school board shall expeditiously authorize the  
4 requested charter.

5           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
6 year in which enacted.

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