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11	Senator Kirkpatrick moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	Delete everything after the enacting clause		
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16	and insert:		
17	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph		
18	(a) of subsection (6), subsections (7) and (9), paragraphs (f)		
19	and (g) of subsection (12), paragraph (d) of subsection (13),		
20	and subsection (20) of section 228.056, Florida Statutes, 1998		
21	Supplement, are amended to read:		
22	228.056 Charter schools.--		
23	(4) SPONSOR.--A district school board may sponsor a		
24	charter school in the county over which the board has		
25	jurisdiction.		
26	(a) A district school board shall receive and review		
27	all applications for a charter school. A district school board		
28	shall receive charter school applications through at least		
29	<u>November 15</u> <del>February 1</del> of each calendar year for charter		
30	schools to be opened at the beginning of the school district's		
31	next school year. A district school board may receive		

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1 applications later than this date if it chooses. In order to  
 2 facilitate an accurate budget projection process, a district  
 3 school board shall be held harmless for FTE students which are  
 4 not included in the FTE projection due to approval of charter  
 5 school applications after the FTE projection deadline. A  
 6 district school board must by a majority vote approve or deny  
 7 an application no later than 60 days after the application is  
 8 received. If an application is denied, the district school  
 9 board must, within 10 calendar days, articulate in writing the  
 10 specific reasons based upon good cause supporting its denial  
 11 of the charter application. Upon approval of a charter  
 12 application, the initial startup must be consistent with the  
 13 beginning of the public school calendar for the district in  
 14 which the charter is granted unless the district school board  
 15 allows a waiver of this provision for good cause.

16 (6) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.--

17 (a) A charter school shall be open to any student  
 18 covered in an interdistrict agreement or residing in the  
 19 school district in which the charter school is located. Any  
 20 eligible student shall be allowed interdistrict transfer to  
 21 attend a charter school when based on good cause.When a  
 22 public school converts to charter status, enrollment  
 23 preference shall be given to students who would have otherwise  
 24 attended that public school. A charter school may give  
 25 enrollment preference to a sibling of a student enrolled in  
 26 the charter school or to the child of an employee of the  
 27 charter school.

28 (7) LEGAL ENTITY.--A charter school shall organize as,  
 29 or be operated by, a nonprofit organization. A charter school  
 30 may be operated by a municipality or other public entity as  
 31 provided for by law.As such, the charter school may be either

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1 a private or a public employer. As a public employer, a  
2 charter school may participate in the Florida Retirement  
3 System upon application and approval as a "covered group"  
4 under s. 121.021(34). If a charter school participates in the  
5 Florida Retirement System, the charter school employees shall  
6 be compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System. As  
7 either a private or a public employer, a charter school may  
8 contract for services with an individual or group of  
9 individuals who are organized as a partnership or a  
10 cooperative. Individuals or groups of individuals who contract  
11 their services to the charter school are not public employees.

12 (9) CHARTER.--The major issues involving the operation  
13 of a charter school shall be considered in advance and written  
14 into the charter. The charter shall be signed by the governing  
15 body of the charter school and the sponsor, following a public  
16 hearing to ensure community input.

17 (a) The charter shall address, and criteria for  
18 approval of the charter shall be based on:

19 1. The school's mission, the students to be served,  
20 and the ages and grades to be included.

21 2. The focus of the curriculum, the instructional  
22 methods to be used, and any distinctive instructional  
23 techniques to be employed.

24 3. The current incoming baseline standard of student  
25 academic achievement, ~~and~~ the outcomes to be achieved, ~~and~~ the  
26 method of measurement that will be used. This section shall  
27 include a detailed description for each of the following:

28 a. How the baseline student academic achievement  
29 levels and prior rates of academic progress will be  
30 established;

31 b. How these baseline rates will be compared to rates

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1 of academic progress achieved by these same students while  
2 attending the charter school; and

3 c. To the extent possible, how these rates of progress  
4 will be evaluated and compared with rates of progress of other  
5 closely comparable student populations.

6 4. The methods used to identify the educational  
7 strengths and needs of students and how well educational goals  
8 and performance standards are met by students attending the  
9 charter school. Students in charter schools shall, at a  
10 minimum, participate in the statewide assessment program.

11 5. In secondary charter schools, a method for  
12 determining that a student has satisfied the requirements for  
13 graduation in s. 232.246.

14 6. A method for resolving conflicts between the  
15 governing body of the charter school and the sponsor.

16 7. The admissions procedures and dismissal procedures,  
17 including the school's code of student conduct.

18 8. The ways by which the school will achieve a  
19 racial/ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves or  
20 within the racial/ethnic range of other public schools in the  
21 same school district.

22 9. The financial and administrative management of the  
23 school, including a reasonable demonstration of the  
24 professional experience or competence of those individuals or  
25 organizations applying to operate the charter school or those  
26 hired or retained to perform such professional services. Both  
27 public sector and private sector professional experience shall  
28 be equally valid in such a consideration.

29 10. The manner in which the school will be insured,  
30 including whether or not the school will be required to have  
31 liability insurance, and, if so, the terms and conditions

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1    thereof and the amounts of coverage.

2           11. The term of the charter which shall provide for  
3    cancellation of the charter if insufficient progress has been  
4    made in attaining the student achievement objectives of the  
5    charter and if it is not likely that such objectives can be  
6    achieved before expiration of the charter. The initial term of  
7    a charter shall be for 3, 4, or 5 years. In order to  
8    facilitate access to long-term financial resources for charter  
9    school construction, charter schools that are operated by a  
10   municipality or other public entity as provided by law are  
11   eligible for up to a 15-year charter, subject to approval by  
12   the local school board. In addition, to facilitate access to  
13   long-term financial resources for charter school construction,  
14   charter schools that are operated by a private,  
15   not-for-profit, 501(c)3 status corporation are eligible for up  
16   to a 10-year charter, subject to approval by the local school  
17   board. Such long-term charters remain subject to annual review  
18   and may be terminated during the term of the charter, but only  
19   for specific good cause according to the provisions set forth  
20   in subsection (10).

21           12. The facilities to be used and their location.

22           13. The qualifications to be required of the teachers.

23           14. The governance structure of the school, including  
24    the status of the charter school as a public or private  
25    employer as required in subsection (7).

26           15. A timetable for implementing the charter which  
27    addresses the implementation of each element thereof and the  
28    date by which the charter shall be awarded in order to meet  
29    this timetable.

30           16. In the case of an existing public school being  
31    converted to charter status, alternative arrangements for

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1 current students who choose not to attend the charter school  
2 and for current teachers who choose not to teach in the  
3 charter school after conversion in accordance with the  
4 existing collective bargaining agreement or school board  
5 policy in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement.

6 (b) A charter may be renewed every 5 school years,  
7 provided that a program review demonstrates that the criteria  
8 in paragraph (a) have been successfully accomplished. In order  
9 to facilitate long-term financing for charter school  
10 construction, charter schools operating a minimum of 3 years  
11 and demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal  
12 management are eligible for a 15-year charter renewal. Such  
13 long-term charter is subject to annual review and may be  
14 terminated during the term of the charter.

15 (c) A charter may be modified during its initial term  
16 or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and  
17 the approval of both parties to the agreement.

18 (d) The governing body of the charter school shall  
19 make annual progress reports to its sponsor, which upon  
20 verification shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of  
21 Education at the same time as other annual school  
22 accountability reports. The report shall contain at least the  
23 following information:

24 1. The charter school's progress towards achieving the  
25 goals outlined in its charter.

26 2. The information required in the annual school  
27 report pursuant to s. 229.592.

28 3. Financial records of the charter school, including  
29 revenues and expenditures.

30 4. Salary and benefit levels of charter school  
31 employees.

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1           (e) A sponsor shall ensure that the charter is  
2 innovative and consistent with the state education goals  
3 established by s. 229.591.

4           (f) Upon receipt of the annual report required by  
5 paragraph (d), the Department of Education shall provide to  
6 the State Board of Education, the Commissioner of Education,  
7 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives an analysis and comparison of the overall  
9 performance of charter school students, to include all  
10 students whose scores are counted as part of the  
11 norm-referenced assessment tests, versus comparable public  
12 school students in the district as determined by  
13 norm-referenced assessment tests currently administered in the  
14 school district, and, as appropriate, the Florida Writes  
15 Assessment Test, the High School Competency Test, and other  
16 assessments administered pursuant to s. 229.57(3).

17           (g) Whenever a municipality has submitted charter  
18 applications for the establishment of a charter school feeder  
19 pattern (elementary, middle, and senior high schools), and  
20 upon approval of each individual charter application by the  
21 district school board, such applications will then be  
22 designated as one charter for all purposes listed pursuant to  
23 this section.

24           (12) EMPLOYEES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.--

25           (f) Teachers employed by or under contract to a  
26 charter school shall be certified as required by chapter 231.  
27 A charter school governing board may employ or contract with  
28 skilled selected noncertified personnel to provide  
29 instructional services or to assist instructional staff  
30 members as education paraprofessionals in the same manner as  
31 defined in chapter 231, and as provided by State Board of

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1 Education rule for charter school governing boards. A charter  
 2 school may not employ an individual to provide instructional  
 3 services or to serve as an education paraprofessional if the  
 4 individual's certification or licensure as an educator is  
 5 suspended or revoked by this or any other state. A charter  
 6 school may not knowingly employ an individual who has resigned  
 7 from a school district in lieu of disciplinary action with  
 8 respect to child welfare or safety, or who has been dismissed  
 9 for just cause by any school district with respect to child  
 10 welfare or safety.The qualifications of teachers shall be  
 11 disclosed to parents.

12 (g) A charter school shall employ or contract with  
 13 employees who have been fingerprinted as provided in s.  
 14 231.02. Members of the governing board of the charter school  
 15 shall also be fingerprinted in a manner similar to that  
 16 provided in s. 231.02 prior to approval of the charter.

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

23 (d) If the district school board is providing programs  
 24 or services to students funded by federal funds, any eligible  
 25 students enrolled in charter schools in the school district  
 26 shall be provided federal funds for the same level of service  
 27 provided students in the schools operated by the district  
 28 school board. Pursuant to provisions of 20 U.S.C. 8061 s.  
 29 10306, all charter schools shall receive all federal funding  
 30 for which the school is otherwise eligible, including Title I  
 31 funding, not later than 5 months after the charter school

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1 first opens and within 5 months after any subsequent expansion  
2 of enrollment.

3 (20) REVIEW.--

4 (a) The Department of Education shall regularly  
5 convene a Charter School Review Panel in order to review  
6 issues, practices, and policies regarding charter schools. The  
7 composition of the review panel shall include individuals with  
8 experience in finance, administration, law, education, and  
9 school governance, and individuals familiar with charter  
10 school construction and operation. The panel shall include two  
11 appointees each from the Commissioner of Education, the  
12 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives. The Governor shall appoint three members of  
14 the panel, and shall designate the chair. Each member of the  
15 panel shall serve a 1-year term, unless renewed by the office  
16 making the appointment. The panel shall make recommendations  
17 to the Legislature, to the Department of Education, to charter  
18 schools, and to school districts for improving charter school  
19 operations and oversight and for ensuring best business  
20 practices at and fair business relationships with charter  
21 schools.

22 (b) The Legislature shall review the operation of  
23 charter schools during the 2000 Regular Session of the  
24 Legislature.

25 Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), (5), and (6) of  
26 section 228.0561, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are  
27 amended to read:

28 228.0561 Charter schools capital outlay funding.--

29 (1) In each year in which funds are appropriated for  
30 charter school capital outlay purposes ~~from the Public~~  
31 ~~Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for~~

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1 ~~charter schools~~, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate  
2 the funds among eligible charter schools. To be eligible for  
3 a funding allocation, a charter school must meet the  
4 provisions of subsection (6), must have received final  
5 approval from its sponsor pursuant to s. 228.056 for operation  
6 during that fiscal year, and must serve students in facilities  
7 that are not provided by the charter school's sponsor. Prior  
8 to the release of capital outlay funds to a school district on  
9 behalf of the charter school, the Department of Education  
10 shall ensure that the district school board and the charter  
11 school governing board enter into a written agreement that  
12 includes provisions for the reversion of any unencumbered  
13 funds and all equipment and property purchased with public  
14 education funds to the ownership of the district school board,  
15 as provided for in subsection (3)~~attaching a lien to property~~  
16 ~~that has been improved through the use of these funds~~, in the  
17 event that the school terminates operations. Any funds  
18 recovered by the state shall be deposited in the General  
19 Revenue Fund ~~Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service~~  
20 ~~Trust Fund~~. A charter school is not eligible for a funding  
21 allocation if it was created by the conversion of a public  
22 school and operates in facilities provided by the charter  
23 school's sponsor for a nominal fee or at no charge. Unless  
24 otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act, the  
25 funding allocation for each eligible charter school shall be  
26 determined by multiplying the school's projected student  
27 enrollment by one-thirtieth of the cost-per-student station  
28 specified in s. 235.435(6)(b) for an elementary, middle, or  
29 high school, as appropriate. If the funds appropriated are  
30 not sufficient, the commissioner shall prorate the available  
31 funds among eligible charter schools. In the first quarter of

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1 the fiscal year, funds shall be distributed on the basis of  
2 projected enrollment as provided in this section. The  
3 commissioner shall adjust subsequent distributions as  
4 necessary to reflect each charter school's actual student  
5 enrollment. The commissioner shall establish the intervals  
6 and procedures for determining the projected and actual  
7 student enrollment of eligible charter schools. If a school  
8 district chooses to share funding for the capital outlay  
9 purposes described in subsection (2) with the applicable  
10 charter school or charter schools, any allocation of charter  
11 school capital outlay funds ~~from the Public Education Capital~~  
12 ~~Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund~~ allocation to the charter  
13 school or charter schools shall be reduced by the amount  
14 shared.

15 (2) A charter school's governing body may use charter  
16 school capital outlay funds ~~with the school board's permission~~  
17 ~~may use funds from the Public Education Capital Outlay and~~  
18 ~~Debt Service Trust Fund~~ for any capital outlay purpose that is  
19 directly related to the functioning of the charter school,  
20 including the:

21 (a) Purchase of real property.

22 (b) Construction, renovation, repair, and maintenance  
23 of school facilities.

24 (c) Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of permanent or  
25 relocatable school facilities.

26 (d) Purchase of vehicles to transport students to and  
27 from the charter school.

28 (5) The annual legislative budget request of the  
29 Department of Education shall include a request for capital  
30 outlay funding for charter schools ~~from the Public Education~~  
31 ~~Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund~~. The request shall

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1 be based on the projected number of students to be served in  
2 charter schools who meet the eligibility requirements of this  
3 section.

4 ~~(6)(a) Effective July 1, 1998, any charter school~~  
5 ~~which has been in continuous operation in the district in~~  
6 ~~which its charter was approved for at least two school years~~  
7 ~~immediately preceding the school year in which the school~~  
8 ~~seeks an appropriation from the Public Education Capital~~  
9 ~~Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund shall be eligible to~~  
10 ~~receive funds from that trust fund. No other charter schools~~  
11 ~~are eligible to receive funds from the Public Education~~  
12 ~~Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund.~~

13 (b) Unless authorized otherwise by the Legislature,  
14 allocation and proration of charter school capital outlay  
15 ~~funds from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt~~  
16 ~~Service Trust Fund~~ shall be made to eligible charter schools  
17 by the Commissioner of Education in an amount and in a manner  
18 authorized by subsection (1), ~~and only schools eligible for~~  
19 ~~such funds in this subsection shall be considered "eligible~~  
20 ~~charter schools" for such an allocation or proration.~~

21 (c) ~~There is appropriated from the Public Education~~  
22 ~~Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund in fiscal year~~  
23 ~~1998-1999 the amount of \$5 million to be used for capital~~  
24 ~~outlay purposes of charter schools eligible under this~~  
25 ~~subsection and allocated or prorated in an amount and in a~~  
26 ~~manner authorized by this subsection. This paragraph shall be~~  
27 ~~repealed July 1, 1999.~~

28 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 235.42, Florida  
29 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

30 235.42 Educational and ancillary plant construction  
31 funds; Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust

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1 Fund; allocation of funds.--

2 (7) Boards and entities authorized to participate in  
3 the trust fund are district school boards, the community  
4 college district boards of trustees, the Trustees of the  
5 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, the Board of  
6 Regents, ~~charter schools only if eligible pursuant to s.~~  
7 ~~228.0561(6)~~, and other units of the state system of public  
8 education, and other educational entities defined in s.  
9 228.041 for which funds are authorized by the Legislature.

10 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 228.057,  
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 228.057 Public school parental choice.--

13 (9) Each school district shall annually report the  
14 number of students applying for and attending the various  
15 types of public schools of choice in the district, including  
16 schools such as magnet schools and public charter schools,  
17 according to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

18 Section 5. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
19 section 228.058, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

20 228.058 Charter School Districts Pilot Program.--The  
21 State Board of Education is authorized to enter into a  
22 performance contract with up to six school districts for the  
23 purpose of establishing them as charter school districts. The  
24 State Board of Education shall give priority to Hillsborough  
25 and Volusia Counties upon the submission of a completed  
26 precharter agreement or charter proposal for a charter school  
27 district. The purpose of this pilot program is to examine a  
28 new relationship between the State Board of Education and  
29 school districts that may produce significant improvements in  
30 student achievement and school management, while complying  
31 with constitutional requirements assigned to each entity.

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1           (1) CHARTER DISTRICT.--A charter school district is a  
2 school district in Florida in which the school board has  
3 submitted and the state board has approved a charter proposal  
4 that exchanges statutory and rule exemption for agreement to  
5 meet performance goals in the proposal. The charter school  
6 district shall be chartered for 3 years, at the end of which  
7 the performance shall be evaluated.

8           (2) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES AND RULES.--Charter school  
9 districts shall be exempt from state statutes and state board  
10 rules as provided in s. 228.056. The school board of a  
11 charter school district shall not be exempt from any statute  
12 governing election of board members, public meetings and  
13 public records requirements, financial disclosure, conflicts  
14 of interest, operation in the sunshine, or other provisions  
15 outside the Florida School Code.

16           (3) GOVERNING BOARD.--The governing board of the  
17 charter school district shall be the duly elected school  
18 board. The school board shall be responsible for supervising  
19 the schools in the charter district and is authorized to  
20 charter each of its existing public schools pursuant to s.  
21 228.056, apply for deregulation of its public schools pursuant  
22 to s. 228.0565, or otherwise establish performance-based  
23 contractual relationships with its public schools for the  
24 purpose of giving them greater autonomy with accountability  
25 for performance.

26           (4) CHARTER PROPOSAL.--Competitive charter proposal  
27 applications shall be accepted by the State Board of Education  
28 no later than October 30, 1999. The charter proposal shall  
29 include, but not be limited to:

30           (a) Authorization for participation in the pilot  
31 program approved in an open school board meeting.

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1           (b) The vision of what the school board proposes to  
2 accomplish by becoming a charter school district.

3           (c) A management plan for reaching performance goals,  
4 including an anticipated list of the statutes and rules from  
5 which the school board desires exemption and the purpose of  
6 the exemption.

7           (d) The performance goals proposed by the school  
8 board, the measures to be used to assess progress, the  
9 district's current baseline status with respect to the goals,  
10 and the timeframe for accomplishing the goals.

11           (e) A plan for chartering, deregulating, or otherwise  
12 freeing schools in the district from state statutes and rules  
13 and school board policies and procedures. This portion may  
14 include a phased-in approach, but shall be included as a  
15 performance goal.

16           (f) Agreement to file an annual report of progress to  
17 the state board.

18           (g) Any other provisions required by state board rule.

19           (5) PRECHARTER AGREEMENT.--The state board is  
20 authorized to approve a precharter agreement with a potential  
21 charter district. The agreement may grant limited flexibility  
22 and direction for developing the full charter proposal.

23           (6) TIME PERIOD FOR PILOT.--The pilot program shall be  
24 authorized for a period of 3 full school years commencing with  
25 award of a charter. The charter may be renewed upon action of  
26 the state board.

27           (7) REPORTS.--The state board shall annually report on  
28 the implementation of the charter school district pilot  
29 program. Upon the completion of the first 3-year term, the  
30 state board, through the Commissioner of Education, shall  
31 submit to the Legislature a full evaluation of the

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1 effectiveness of the program.

2 (8) RULEMAKING.--The State Board of Education shall  
3 have the authority to enact rules to implement this section in  
4 accordance with ss. 120.536 and 120.54.

5 Section 6. Any arrangement entered into to borrow or  
6 otherwise secure funds for a charter school authorized in  
7 section 228.056, Florida Statutes, from a source other than  
8 the state or a school district shall indemnify the state and  
9 the school district from any and all liability, including but  
10 not limited to financial responsibility for the payment of the  
11 principal or interest. Any loans, bonds, or other financial  
12 agreements are not obligations of the state or the school  
13 district but are obligations of the charter school authority  
14 and are payable solely from the sources of funds pledged by  
15 such agreement. The credit or taxing power of the state or  
16 the school district shall not be pledged and no debts shall be  
17 payable out of any moneys except those of the legal entity in  
18 possession of a valid charter approved by a district school  
19 board pursuant to section 228.056, Florida Statutes.

20 Section 7. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
21 act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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28 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to charter schools; amending s.

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228.056, F.S.; revising the date through which

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1 a district school board must receive charter  
2 school applications; providing for  
3 interdistrict transfer to a charter school  
4 under certain circumstances; authorizing  
5 charter schools to be operated by  
6 municipalities or other public entities;  
7 providing information to be included in the  
8 charter of a charter school; providing for  
9 15-year charters under specified circumstances;  
10 providing for one charter for municipality  
11 charter schools comprising one feeder pattern;  
12 authorizing charter school governing boards to  
13 employ or contract with skilled selected  
14 noncertified personnel as provided in ch. 231,  
15 F.S., and as provided by rule of the State  
16 Board of Education; prohibiting a charter  
17 school from hiring certain persons who have  
18 resigned in lieu of disciplinary action or have  
19 been dismissed for good cause; requiring the  
20 fingerprinting of members of the governing  
21 boards of charter schools; prescribing time  
22 limits for charter schools to receive federal  
23 funds; providing for a Charter School Review  
24 Panel; providing for membership, purpose, and  
25 duties; amending s. 228.0561, F.S.; removing  
26 references to the Public Education Capital  
27 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; providing  
28 for the reversion of unencumbered funds and  
29 property to the district school board if the  
30 charter school terminates operations; revising  
31 requirements relating to charter school use of

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1 capital outlay funds; revising eligibility  
2 requirements for charter school receipt of  
3 capital outlay funds; removing obsolete  
4 provisions; amending s. 235.42, F.S., relating  
5 to educational and ancillary plant construction  
6 funds; removing a reference to charter schools;  
7 amending s. 228.057, F.S.; requiring school  
8 districts to report the number of students  
9 attending the various types of public schools  
10 according to the rules of the State Board of  
11 Education; creating s. 228.058, F.S.;

12 establishing a charter school districts pilot  
13 program; providing requirements for charter  
14 school districts; providing for exemptions from  
15 statutes and rules; providing for a governing  
16 board; providing for charter proposals;  
17 providing for a precharter agreement; providing  
18 a time period for the pilot project; requiring  
19 an annual report; providing for rulemaking;  
20 providing for protection and indemnity of the  
21 state and charter school from certain  
22 liability; providing effective dates.

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