

By the Committee on Education and Senator Jones

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to charter schools; amending s.  
228.056, F.S.; prohibiting charter schools from  
employing persons who have been terminated by a  
school district or have resigned in lieu of  
disciplinary action; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (12) of section  
228.056, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to  
read:

228.056 Charter schools.--

(12) EMPLOYEES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.--

(f) Teachers employed by or under contract to a  
charter school shall be certified as required by chapter 231.  
A charter school may employ or contract with skilled selected  
noncertified personnel to provide instructional services or to  
assist instructional staff members as education  
paraprofessionals in the same manner as defined in chapter  
231. A charter school may not employ an individual to provide  
instructional services or to serve as an education  
paraprofessional if the individual's certification or  
licensure as an educator is suspended or revoked by this or  
any other state. A charter school may not employ an individual  
who has resigned in lieu of disciplinary action or who has  
been terminated by any school district.The qualifications of  
teachers shall be disclosed to parents.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
sb1880

The committee substitute clarifies terminology by prohibiting charter schools from employing individuals who were terminated, rather than dismissed, by any school district.