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Senator Peaden moved the following amendment to amendment (161930):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 17, between lines 5 and 6,

insert:

Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (22) of section 159.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.27 Definitions.--The following words and terms, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning, shall have the following meanings:

(22) "Educational facility" means:

(b) Property that comprises the buildings and equipment, structures, and special education use areas that are built, installed, or established to serve primarily the educational purposes of operating any nonprofit private preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, or high school that is established under chapter 617 or chapter 623, or that is owned or operated by an organization described in s. 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or

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1 operating any preschool, kindergarten, elementary school,
2 middle school, or high school that is owned or operated as
3 part of the state's system of public education, including, but
4 not limited to, a charter school or a developmental research
5 school operated under chapter 228. The requirements of this
6 part for the financing of projects through local agencies
7 shall also apply to such schools. Bonds issued under the
8 provisions of this part for such schools shall not be deemed
9 to constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of the state or
10 any political subdivision thereof, or a pledge of the faith
11 and credit of the state or of any such political subdivision,
12 but shall be payable solely from the revenues provided
13 therefor.

14 Section 12. Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 228.056 Charter schools.--

17 (1) AUTHORIZATION.--The creation of charter schools is
18 hereby authorized. Charter schools shall be part of the
19 state's program of public education. All charter schools in
20 Florida are fully recognized as public schools. A charter
21 school may be formed by creating a new school or converting an
22 existing public school to charter status. A public school may
23 not use the term charter in its name unless it has been
24 approved under this section.

25 (2) PURPOSE.--The purpose of charter schools shall be
26 to:

- 27 (a) Improve student learning.
- 28 (b) Increase learning opportunities for all students,
29 with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for
30 students who are identified as academically low achieving.
- 31 (c) Encourage the use of different and innovative

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1 learning methods.

2 (d) Increase choice of learning opportunities for
3 students.

4 (e) Establish a new form of accountability for
5 schools.

6 (f) Require the measurement of learning outcomes and
7 create innovative measurement tools.

8 (g) Make the school the unit for improvement.

9 (h) Create new professional opportunities for
10 teachers, including the opportunity to own the learning
11 program at the school site.

12 (i) Provide rigorous competition within the public
13 school district to stimulate continual improvement in all
14 public schools.

15 (j) Provide additional academic choices for parents
16 and students.

17 (k) Expand the capacity of the public school system.

18 (3) APPLICATION; UNLAWFUL REPRISAL.--

19 (a)1. An application for a new charter school may be
20 made by an individual, teachers, parents, a group of
21 individuals, a municipality, or a legal entity organized under
22 the laws of this state.

23 2. The district school board or the principal,
24 teachers, parents, and/or the school advisory council at an
25 existing public school that has been in operation for at least
26 2 years prior to the application to convert, including a
27 public school-within-a-school that is designated as a school
28 by the district school board, shall submit any application for
29 converting the school to a charter school. An application
30 submitted proposing to convert an existing public school to a
31 charter school shall demonstrate the support of at least 50

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1 percent of the teachers employed at the school and 50 percent
2 of the parents voting whose children are enrolled at the
3 school, provided that a majority of the parents eligible to
4 vote participate in the ballot process, according to
5 procedures established by rules of the state board. A district
6 school board denying an application for a conversion charter
7 school shall provide notice of denial to the applicants in
8 writing within 30 days after the meeting at which the school
9 board denied the application. The notice must specify the
10 exact reasons for denial and must provide documentation
11 supporting those reasons. A private school, parochial school,
12 or home education program shall not be eligible for charter
13 school status.

14 (b) No district school board, or district school board
15 employee who has control over personnel actions, shall take
16 unlawful reprisal against another district school board
17 employee because that employee is either directly or
18 indirectly involved with an application to establish a charter
19 school. As used in this subsection, the term "unlawful
20 reprisal" means an action taken by a district school board or
21 a school system employee against an employee who is directly
22 or indirectly involved in a lawful application to establish a
23 charter school, which occurs as a direct result of that
24 involvement, and which results in one or more of the
25 following: disciplinary or corrective action; adverse transfer
26 or reassignment, whether temporary or permanent; suspension,
27 demotion, or dismissal; an unfavorable performance evaluation;
28 a reduction in pay, benefits, or rewards; elimination of the
29 employee's position absent of a reduction in force as a result
30 of lack of moneys or work; or other adverse significant
31 changes in duties or responsibilities that are inconsistent

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1 with the employee's salary or employment classification. The
2 following procedures shall apply to an alleged unlawful
3 reprisal which occurs as a consequence of an employee's direct
4 or indirect involvement with an application to establish a
5 charter school:

6 1. Within 60 days after a reprisal prohibited by this
7 subsection, an employee may file a complaint with the
8 Department of Education.

9 2. Within 3 working days after receiving a complaint
10 under this section, the department shall acknowledge receipt
11 of the complaint and provide copies of the complaint and any
12 other relevant preliminary information available to each of
13 the other parties named in the complaint, which parties shall
14 each acknowledge receipt of such copies to the complainant.

15 3. If the department determines that the complaint
16 demonstrates reasonable cause to suspect that an unlawful
17 reprisal has occurred, the department shall conduct an
18 investigation to produce a fact-finding report.

19 4. Within 90 days after receiving the complaint, the
20 department shall provide the superintendent of schools of the
21 complainant's district and the complainant with a fact-finding
22 report that may include recommendations to the parties or
23 proposed resolution of the complaint. The fact-finding report
24 shall be presumed admissible in any subsequent or related
25 administrative or judicial review.

26 5. If the department determines that reasonable
27 grounds exist to believe that an unlawful reprisal has
28 occurred, is occurring, or is to be taken, and is unable to
29 conciliate a complaint within 60 days after receipt of the
30 fact-finding report, the department shall terminate the
31 investigation. Upon termination of any investigation, the

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1 department shall notify the complainant and the superintendent
2 of schools of the termination of the investigation, providing
3 a summary of relevant facts found during the investigation and
4 the reasons for terminating the investigation. A written
5 statement under this paragraph is presumed admissible as
6 evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

7 6. The department shall either contract with the
8 Division of Administrative Hearings under s. 120.65, or
9 otherwise provide for a complaint for which the department
10 determines reasonable grounds exist to believe that an
11 unlawful reprisal has occurred, is occurring, or is to be
12 taken, and is unable to conciliate, to be heard by a panel of
13 impartial persons. Upon hearing the complaint, the panel must
14 make findings of fact and conclusions of law for a final
15 decision by the department.

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17 It shall be an affirmative defense to any action brought
18 pursuant to this section that the adverse action was
19 predicated upon grounds other than, and would have been taken
20 absent, the employee's exercise of rights protected by this
21 section.

22 (c) In any action brought under this section for which
23 it is determined reasonable grounds exist to believe that an
24 unlawful reprisal has occurred, is occurring, or is to be
25 taken, the relief must include the following:

26 1. Reinstatement of the employee to the same position
27 held before the unlawful reprisal was commenced, or to an
28 equivalent position, or payment of reasonable front pay as
29 alternative relief.

30 2. Reinstatement of the employee's full fringe
31 benefits and seniority rights, as appropriate.

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1 3. Compensation, if appropriate, for lost wages,
2 benefits, or other lost remuneration caused by the unlawful
3 reprisal.

4 4. Payment of reasonable costs, including attorney's
5 fees, to a substantially prevailing employee, or to the
6 prevailing employer if the employee filed a frivolous action
7 in bad faith.

8 5. Issuance of an injunction, if appropriate, by a
9 court of competent jurisdiction.

10 6. Temporary reinstatement to the employee's former
11 position or to an equivalent position, pending the final
12 outcome on the complaint, if it is determined that the action
13 was not made in bad faith or for a wrongful purpose, and did
14 not occur after a district school board's initiation of a
15 personnel action against the employee which includes
16 documentation of the employee's violation of a disciplinary
17 standard or performance deficiency.

18 (4) SPONSOR.--A district school board may sponsor a
19 charter school in the county over which the board has
20 jurisdiction.

21 (a) A district school board shall receive and review
22 all applications for a charter school. A district school board
23 shall receive and consider charter school applications
24 received on or before October 1 of each calendar year for
25 charter schools to be opened at the beginning of the school
26 district's next school year, or to be opened at a time agreed
27 to by the applicant and the district school board. A district
28 school board may receive applications later than this date if
29 it chooses. A sponsor may not charge an applicant for a
30 charter any fee for the processing or consideration of an
31 application, and a sponsor may not base its consideration or

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1 approval of an application upon the promise of future payment
2 of any kind.

3 1. In order to facilitate an accurate budget
4 projection process, a district school board shall be held
5 harmless for FTE students which are not included in the FTE
6 projection due to approval of charter school applications
7 after the FTE projection deadline. In a further effort to
8 facilitate an accurate budget projection, within 15 calendar
9 days after receipt of a charter school application, a district
10 school board or other sponsor shall report to the Department
11 of Education the name of the applicant entity, the proposed
12 charter school location, and its projected FTE.

13 2. A district school board must by a majority vote
14 approve or deny an application no later than 60 calendar days
15 after the application is received, unless the district school
16 board and the applicant mutually agree to temporarily postpone
17 the vote to a specific date, at which time the district school
18 board must by a majority vote approve or deny the application.
19 If the district school board fails to act on the application,
20 an applicant may appeal to the State Board of Education as
21 provided in paragraph (b). If an application is denied, the
22 district school board must, within 10 calendar days,
23 articulate in writing the specific reasons based upon good
24 cause supporting its denial of the charter application.

25 3. For budget projection purposes, the district school
26 board or other sponsor shall report to the department the
27 approval or denial of a charter application within 10 calendar
28 days after such approval or denial. In the event of approval,
29 the report to the department must include the final projected
30 FTE for the approved charter school.

31 4. Upon approval of a charter application, the initial

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1 startup must commence ~~be consistent~~ with the beginning of the
2 public school calendar for the district in which the charter
3 is granted unless the district school board allows a waiver of
4 this provision for good cause.

5 (b) An applicant may appeal any denial of that
6 applicant's application or failure to act on an application to
7 the State Board of Education no later than 30 calendar days
8 after receipt of the district school board's decision or
9 failure to act and shall notify the district school board of
10 its appeal. Any response of the school board shall be
11 submitted to the state board within 30 calendar days after
12 notification of the appeal. The state board must by majority
13 vote accept or reject the decision of the district school
14 board no later than 60 calendar days after an appeal is filed
15 in accordance with state board rule. The state board may
16 reject an appeal submission for failure to comply with
17 procedural rules governing the appeals process. The rejection
18 shall describe the submission errors. The appellant may have
19 up to 15 calendar days from notice of rejection to resubmit an
20 appeal that meets requirements of rule. An application for
21 appeal submitted subsequent to such rejection shall be
22 considered timely if the original appeal was filed within 30
23 calendar days after receipt of notice of the specific reasons
24 for the school board's denial of the charter application ~~the~~
25 ~~school board denial~~. The state board shall remand the
26 application to the district school board with its written
27 recommendation that the district board approve or deny the
28 application consistent with the state board's decision. The
29 decision of the State Board of Education is not subject to the
30 provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 120.

31 (c) The district school board must act upon the

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1 recommendation of the State Board of Education within 30
2 calendar days after it is received. The district board may
3 fail to act in accordance with the recommendation of the state
4 board only for good cause. Good cause for failing to act in
5 accordance with the state board's recommendation arises only
6 if the district school board determines by competent
7 substantial evidence that approving the state board's
8 recommendation would be contrary to law or contrary to the
9 best interests of the pupils or the community. The district
10 school board must articulate in written findings the specific
11 reasons based upon good cause supporting its failure to act in
12 accordance with the state board's recommendation. The district
13 board's action on the state board's recommendation is a final
14 action subject to judicial review.

15 (d) The Department of Education may provide technical
16 assistance to an applicant upon written request.

17 (e) Paragraph (a) notwithstanding, a state university
18 may grant a charter to a developmental research school created
19 under s. 228.053. In considering such charter, the state
20 university must consult with the district school board of the
21 county in which the developmental research school is located.
22 The decision of a state university may be appealed pursuant to
23 the procedure established in this subsection.

24 (f) The terms and conditions for the operation of a
25 charter school shall be set forth by the sponsor and the
26 applicant in a written contractual agreement, called a
27 charter. The sponsor shall not impose unreasonable rules or
28 regulations that violate the intent of giving charter schools
29 greater flexibility to meet educational goals. The applicant
30 and sponsor shall have 6 months in which to mutually agree to
31 the provisions of the charter. The Department of Education

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1 shall provide mediation services for any dispute regarding
2 this section subsequent to the approval of a charter
3 application and for any dispute relating to the approved
4 charter, except disputes regarding charter school application
5 denials. If the Commissioner of Education determines that the
6 dispute cannot be settled through mediation, the dispute may
7 be appealed to an administrative law judge appointed by the
8 Division of Administrative Hearings. The administrative law
9 judge may rule on issues of equitable treatment of the charter
10 school as a public school, whether proposed provisions of the
11 charter violate the intended flexibility granted charter
12 schools by statute, or on any other matter regarding this
13 section except a charter school application denial, and shall
14 award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and
15 costs incurred to be paid by the losing party. The costs of
16 the administrative hearing shall be paid by the party whom the
17 administrative law judge rules against.

18 (g) The sponsor shall monitor and review the charter
19 school in its progress towards the goals established in the
20 charter.

21 (h) The sponsor shall monitor the revenues and
22 expenditures of the charter school.

23 (i) A charter school shall be exempt from the
24 sponsor's policies.

25 (5) CHARTER SCHOOL COOPERATIVES.--Charter schools may
26 enter into cooperative agreements to form charter school
27 cooperative organizations that may provide the following
28 services: charter school planning and development, direct
29 instructional services, contracts with charter school
30 governing boards to provide personnel administrative services,
31 payroll services, human resource management, evaluation and

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1 assessment services, teacher preparation, and professional
2 development.

3 (6)(5) NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.--

4 (a) The number of newly created charter schools is
5 limited to no more than 28 in each school district that has
6 100,000 or more students, no more than 20 in each school
7 district that has 50,000 to 99,999 students, and no more than
8 12 in each school district with fewer than 50,000 students.

9 (b) An existing public school which converts to a
10 charter school shall not be counted towards the limit
11 established by paragraph (a).

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13 Notwithstanding any limit established by this subsection, a
14 district school board or a charter school applicant shall have
15 the right to request an increase of the limit on the number of
16 charter schools authorized to be established within the
17 district from the State Board of Education.

18 (7)(6) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.--

19 (a) A charter school shall be open to any student
20 covered in an interdistrict agreement or residing in the
21 school district in which the charter school is located;
22 however, in the case of a developmental research school
23 created under s. 228.053 to which a charter has been issued
24 under paragraph (4)(e), the charter school shall be open to
25 any student eligible to attend the developmental research
26 school as provided in s. 228.053 or who resides in the school
27 district in which the charter school is located. Any eligible
28 student shall be allowed interdistrict transfer to attend a
29 charter school when based on good cause. When a public school
30 converts to charter status, enrollment preference shall be
31 given to students who would have otherwise attended that

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1 public school. A charter school may give enrollment preference
2 to a sibling of a student enrolled in the charter school, to
3 the child of a member of the governing board of the charter
4 school, or to the child of an employee of the charter school.

5 (b) The charter school shall enroll an eligible
6 student who submits a timely application, unless the number of
7 applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade
8 level, or building. In such case, all applicants shall have an
9 equal chance of being admitted through a random selection
10 process.

11 (c) A charter school may limit the enrollment process
12 only to target the following student populations:

13 1. Students within specific age groups or grade
14 levels.

15 2. Students considered at risk of dropping out of
16 school or academic failure. Such students shall include
17 exceptional education students.

18 3. Students enrolling in a charter
19 school-in-the-workplace or charter school-in-a-municipality
20 established pursuant to subsection (22).

21 4. Students residing within a reasonable distance of
22 the charter school, as described in paragraph (13)(c). Such
23 students shall be subject to a random lottery and to the
24 racial/ethnic balance provisions described in subparagraph
25 (9)(a)8. or any federal provisions which require a school to
26 achieve a racial/ethnic balance reflective of the community it
27 serves or within the racial/ethnic range of other public
28 schools in the same school district.

29 5. Students who meet reasonable academic, artistic, or
30 other eligibility standards established by the charter school
31 and included in the charter school application and charter or,

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1 in the case of existing charter schools, standards that are
2 consistent with the school's mission and purpose. Such
3 standards must be in accordance with current state law and
4 practice in public schools and may not discriminate against
5 otherwise qualified individuals.

6 6. Students articulating from one charter school to
7 another pursuant to an articulation agreement between the
8 charter schools which has been approved by the sponsor.

9 (d) A student may withdraw from a charter school at
10 any time and enroll in another public school as determined by
11 school board policy.

12 (e) Students with handicapping conditions and students
13 served in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs
14 shall have an equal opportunity of being selected for
15 enrollment in a charter school.

16 (f) The capacity of the charter school shall be
17 determined annually by the governing board, in conjunction
18 with the sponsor, of the charter school in consideration of
19 the factors identified in this subsection.

20 (8)(7) LEGAL ENTITY.--A charter school shall organize
21 as, or be operated by, a nonprofit organization. A charter
22 school may be operated by a municipality or other public
23 entity as provided for by law. As such, the charter school may
24 be either a private or a public employer. As a public
25 employer, a charter school may participate in the Florida
26 Retirement System upon application and approval as a "covered
27 group" under s. 121.021(34). If a charter school participates
28 in the Florida Retirement System, the charter school employees
29 shall be compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System.
30 As either a private or a public employer, a charter school may
31 contract for services with an individual or group of

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1 individuals who are organized as a partnership or a
2 cooperative. Individuals or groups of individuals who contract
3 their services to the charter school are not public employees.

4 (9)~~(8)~~ REQUIREMENTS.--

5 (a) A charter school shall be nonsectarian in its
6 programs, admission policies, employment practices, and
7 operations.

8 (b) A charter school shall admit students as provided
9 in subsection (6).

10 (c) A charter school shall be accountable to its
11 sponsor for performance as provided in subsection (9).

12 (d) A charter school shall not charge tuition or fees,
13 except those fees normally charged by other public schools.
14 However, a developmental research school to which a charter
15 has been issued pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) may charge a
16 student activity and service fee as authorized by s.
17 228.053(5).

18 (e) A charter school shall meet all applicable state
19 and local health, safety, and civil rights requirements.

20 (f) A charter school shall not violate the
21 antidiscrimination provisions of s. 228.2001.

22 (g) A charter school shall be subject to an annual
23 financial audit in a manner similar to that of a school
24 district.

25 (h) No organization shall hold more than 15 charters
26 statewide.

27 (i) In order to provide financial information that is
28 comparable to that reported for other public schools, charter
29 schools are to maintain all financial records which constitute
30 their accounting system:

31 1. In accordance with the accounts and codes

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1 prescribed in the most recent issuance of the publication
 2 titled "Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting
 3 for Florida Schools"; or-

4 2. At the discretion of the charter school governing
 5 board, a charter school may elect to follow generally accepted
 6 accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, but
 7 must reformat this information for reporting according to this
 8 paragraph.

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 10 Charter schools are to provide annual financial report and
 11 program cost report information in the state-required formats
 12 for inclusion in district reporting in compliance with s.
 13 236.02(1). Charter schools which are operated by a
 14 municipality or are a component unit of a parent nonprofit
 15 organization may use the accounting system of the municipality
 16 or the parent, but must reformat this information for
 17 reporting according to this paragraph.

18 (j) The governing board of the charter school shall
 19 annually adopt and maintain an operating budget.

20 (10)(9) CHARTER.--The major issues involving the
 21 operation of a charter school shall be considered in advance
 22 and written into the charter. The charter shall be signed by
 23 the governing body of the charter school and the sponsor,
 24 following a public hearing to ensure community input.

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

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

29 2. The focus of the curriculum, the instructional
 30 methods to be used, and any distinctive instructional
 31 techniques to be employed, and identification and acquisition

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1 of appropriate technologies needed to improve educational and
2 administrative performance. This must include a means for
3 promoting safe, ethical, and appropriate uses of technology
4 which comply with legal and professional standards.

5 3. The current incoming baseline standard of student
6 academic achievement, the outcomes to be achieved, and the
7 method of measurement that will be used. This section shall
8 include a detailed description for each of the following:

9 a. How the baseline student academic achievement
10 levels and prior rates of academic progress will be
11 established.

12 b. How these baseline rates will be compared to rates
13 of academic progress achieved by these same students while
14 attending the charter school.

15 c. To the extent possible, how these rates of progress
16 will be evaluated and compared with rates of progress of other
17 closely comparable student populations.

18 d. The district school board is required to provide
19 academic student performance data to charter schools for each
20 of their students coming from the district school system, as
21 well as rates of academic progress of comparable student
22 populations in the district school system.

23 4. The methods used to identify the educational
24 strengths and needs of students and how well educational goals
25 and performance standards are met by students attending the
26 charter school. Included in the methods is a means for
27 ensuring accountability to its constituents by analyzing
28 student performance data and by evaluating the effectiveness
29 and efficiency of its major educational programs. Students in
30 charter schools shall, at a minimum, participate in the
31 statewide assessment program.

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1 5. In secondary charter schools, a method for
2 determining that a student has satisfied the requirements for
3 graduation in s. 232.246.

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

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

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

12 9. The financial and administrative management of the
13 school, including a reasonable demonstration of the
14 professional experience or competence of those individuals or
15 organizations applying to operate the charter school or those
16 hired or retained to perform such professional services and
17 the description of clearly delineated responsibilities and the
18 policies and practices needed to effectively manage the
19 charter school. A description of internal audit procedures and
20 establishment of controls to ensure that financial resources
21 are properly managed must be included.Both public sector and
22 private sector professional experience shall be equally valid
23 in such a consideration.

24 10. A description of procedures that identify various
25 risks and provide for a comprehensive approach to reduce the
26 impact of losses; plans to ensure the safety and security of
27 students and staff; plans to identify, minimize, and protect
28 others from violent or disruptive student behavior; and the
29 manner in which the school will be insured, including whether
30 or not the school will be required to have liability
31 insurance, and, if so, the terms and conditions thereof and

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1 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. A developmental research school is
13 eligible for a charter for a term of up to 15 years issued by
14 a state university pursuant to paragraph (4)(e). In addition,
15 to facilitate access to long-term financial resources for
16 charter school construction, charter schools that are operated
17 by a private, not-for-profit, s. 501(c)(3) status corporation
18 are eligible for up to a 10-year charter, subject to approval
19 by the local school board. Such long-term charters remain
20 subject to annual review and may be terminated during the term
21 of the charter, but only for specific good cause according to
22 the provisions set forth in subsection (10).

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

24 13. The qualifications to be required of the teachers
25 and the potential strategies used to recruit, hire, train, and
26 retain qualified staff to achieve best value.

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

30 15. A timetable for implementing the charter which
31 addresses the implementation of each element thereof and the

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1 date by which the charter shall be awarded in order to meet
2 this timetable.

3 16. In the case of an existing public school being
4 converted to charter status, alternative arrangements for
5 current students who choose not to attend the charter school
6 and for current teachers who choose not to teach in the
7 charter school after conversion in accordance with the
8 existing collective bargaining agreement or school board
9 policy in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement.
10 However, alternative arrangements shall not be required for
11 current teachers who choose not to teach in a developmental
12 research school to which a charter has been issued pursuant to
13 paragraph (4)(e), except as authorized by the employment
14 policies of the state university which grants the charter to
15 the developmental research school.

16 (b) A charter may be renewed every 5 school years,
17 provided that a program review demonstrates that the criteria
18 in paragraph (a) have been successfully accomplished and that
19 none of the grounds for nonrenewal established by paragraph
20 (10)(a) have been documented. In order to facilitate long-term
21 financing for charter school construction, charter schools
22 operating for a minimum of 2 years and demonstrating exemplary
23 academic programming and fiscal management are eligible for a
24 15-year charter renewal. Such long-term charter is subject to
25 annual review and may be terminated during the term of the
26 charter.

27 (c) A charter may be modified during its initial term
28 or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor or
29 the charter school governing board and the approval of both
30 parties to the agreement.

31 (d) The governing body of the charter school shall

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1 exercise continuing oversight over charter school operations
2 and make annual progress reports to its sponsor, which upon
3 verification shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of
4 Education at the same time as other annual school
5 accountability reports. The report shall contain at least the
6 following information:

7 1. The charter school's progress towards achieving the
8 goals outlined in its charter.

9 2. The information required in the annual school
10 report pursuant to s. 229.592.

11 3. Financial records of the charter school, including
12 revenues and expenditures.

13 4. Salary and benefit levels of charter school
14 employees.

15 (e) A sponsor shall ensure that the charter is
16 innovative and consistent with the state education goals
17 established by s. 229.591.

18 (f) Upon receipt of the annual report required by
19 paragraph (d), the Department of Education shall provide to
20 the State Board of Education, the Commissioner of Education,
21 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives an analysis and comparison of the overall
23 performance of charter school students, to include all
24 students whose scores are counted as part of the state
25 assessment program, versus comparable public school students
26 in the district as determined by the state assessment program
27 currently administered in the school district, and, as
28 appropriate, the Florida Writes Assessment Test, the High
29 School Competency Test, and other assessments administered
30 pursuant to s. 229.57(3).

31 (g) Whenever a municipality has submitted charter

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1 applications for the establishment of a charter school feeder
2 pattern (elementary, middle, and senior high schools), and
3 upon approval of each individual charter application by the
4 district school board, such applications will then be
5 designated as one charter for all purposes listed pursuant to
6 this section.

7 (11)~~(10)~~ CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION.--

8 (a) At the end of the term of a charter, the sponsor
9 may choose not to renew the charter for any of the following
10 grounds:

11 1. Failure to meet the requirements for student
12 performance stated in the charter.

13 2. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of
14 fiscal management.

15 3. Violation of law.

16 4. Other good cause shown.

17 (b) During the term of a charter, the sponsor may
18 terminate the charter for any of the grounds listed in
19 paragraph (a).

20 (c) At least 90 days prior to renewing or terminating
21 a charter, the sponsor shall notify the governing body of the
22 school of the proposed action in writing. The notice shall
23 state in reasonable detail the grounds for the proposed action
24 and stipulate that the school's governing body may, within 14
25 calendar days after receiving the notice, request an informal
26 hearing before the sponsor. The sponsor shall conduct the
27 informal hearing within 30 calendar days after receiving a
28 written request. The charter school's governing body may,
29 within 14 calendar days after receiving the sponsor's decision
30 to terminate or refuse to renew the charter, appeal the
31 decision pursuant to the procedure established in subsection

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1 (4).

2 (d) A charter may be terminated immediately if the
3 sponsor determines that good cause has been shown or if the
4 health, safety, or welfare of the students is threatened. The
5 school district in which the charter school is located shall
6 assume operation of the school under these circumstances. The
7 charter school's governing board may, within 14 days after
8 receiving the sponsor's decision to terminate the charter,
9 appeal the decision pursuant to the procedure established in
10 subsection (4).

11 (e) When a charter is not renewed or is terminated,
12 the school shall be dissolved under the provisions of law
13 under which the school was organized, and any unencumbered
14 public funds from the charter school shall revert to the
15 district school board. In the event a charter school is
16 dissolved or is otherwise terminated, all district school
17 board property and improvements, furnishings, and equipment
18 purchased with public funds shall automatically revert to full
19 ownership by the district school board, subject to complete
20 satisfaction of any lawful liens or encumbrances.

21 (f) If a charter is not renewed or is terminated, the
22 charter school ~~governing body of the school~~ is responsible for
23 all debts of the charter school. The district may not assume
24 the debt from any contract for services made between the
25 governing body of the school and a third party, except for a
26 debt that is previously detailed and agreed upon in writing by
27 both the district and the governing body of the school and
28 that may not reasonably be assumed to have been satisfied by
29 the district.

30 (g) If a charter is not renewed or is terminated, a
31 student who attended the school may apply to, and shall be

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1 enrolled in, another public school. Normal application
2 deadlines shall be disregarded under such circumstances.

3 (12)~~(11)~~ EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.--A charter school
4 shall operate in accordance with its charter and shall be
5 exempt from all statutes of the Florida School Code, except
6 those specifically applying to charter schools; those
7 pertaining to the provision of services to students with
8 disabilities; those pertaining to civil rights, including s.
9 228.2001, relating to discrimination; and those pertaining to
10 student health, safety, and welfare; or as otherwise required
11 by this section. A charter school shall not be exempt from the
12 following statutes: chapter 119, relating to public records,
13 and s. 286.011, relating to public meetings and records,
14 public inspection, and penalties. The charter school's
15 governing board sponsor, upon request of a charter school, may
16 apply to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of
17 provisions of chapters 230-239 which are applicable to charter
18 schools under this section, except that the provisions of
19 chapter 236 or chapter 237 shall not be eligible for waiver if
20 the waiver would affect funding allocations or create inequity
21 in public school funding. The Commissioner of Education must
22 confirm receipt of a waiver request from a charter school by
23 providing a copy of the request to the sponsor. The
24 commissioner may grant the waiver if necessary to implement
25 the school program and shall provide notice of the final
26 dispensation of the waiver request to the charter school
27 governing board and the charter school's sponsor.

28 (13)~~(12)~~ EMPLOYEES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.--

29 (a) A charter school shall select its own employees. A
30 charter school may contract with its sponsor for the services
31 of personnel employed by the sponsor.

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1 (b) Charter school employees shall have the option to
2 bargain collectively. Employees may collectively bargain as a
3 separate unit or as part of the existing district collective
4 bargaining unit as determined by the structure of the charter
5 school.

6 (c) The employees of a conversion charter school shall
7 remain public employees for all purposes, unless such
8 employees choose not to do so.

9 (d) The teachers at a charter school may choose to be
10 part of a professional group that subcontracts with the
11 charter school to operate the instructional program under the
12 auspices of a partnership or cooperative that they
13 collectively own. Under this arrangement, the teachers would
14 not be public employees.

15 (e) Employees of a school district may take leave to
16 accept employment in a charter school upon the approval of the
17 district school board. While employed by the charter school
18 and on leave that is approved by the school board, the
19 employee may retain seniority accrued in that school district
20 and may continue to be covered by the benefit programs of that
21 school district, if the charter school and the district school
22 board agree to this arrangement and its financing. School
23 districts shall not require resignations of teachers desiring
24 to teach in a charter school. This paragraph shall not
25 prohibit a school board from approving alternative leave
26 arrangements consistent with chapter 231.

27 (f) Teachers employed by or under contract to a
28 charter school shall be certified as required by chapter 231.
29 A charter school governing board may employ or contract with
30 skilled selected noncertified personnel to provide
31 instructional services or to assist instructional staff

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1 members as education paraprofessionals in the same manner as
2 defined in chapter 231, and as provided by State Board of
3 Education rule for charter school governing boards. A charter
4 school may not knowingly employ an individual to provide
5 instructional services or to serve as an education
6 paraprofessional if the individual's certification or
7 licensure as an educator is suspended or revoked by this or
8 any other state. A charter school may not knowingly employ an
9 individual who has resigned from a school district in lieu of
10 disciplinary action with respect to child welfare or safety,
11 or who has been dismissed for just cause by any school
12 district with respect to child welfare or safety. The
13 qualifications of teachers shall be disclosed to parents.

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

19 ~~(14)(13)~~ REVENUE.--Students enrolled in a charter
20 school, regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if
21 they are in a basic program or a special program, the same as
22 students enrolled in other public schools in the school
23 district. Funding for a chartered developmental research
24 school shall be as provided in s. 228.053(9).

25 (a) Each charter school shall report its student
26 enrollment to the district school board as required in s.
27 236.081, and in accordance with the definitions in s. 236.013.
28 The district school board shall include each charter school's
29 enrollment in the district's report of student enrollment. All
30 charter schools submitting student record information required
31 by the Department of Education shall comply with the

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1 department's guidelines for electronic data formats for such
2 data, and all districts shall accept electronic data that
3 complies with the department's electronic format.

4 (b) The basis for the agreement for funding students
5 enrolled in a charter school shall be the sum of the school
6 district's operating funds from the Florida Education Finance
7 Program as provided in s. 236.081 and the General
8 Appropriations Act, including gross state and local funds,
9 discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school
10 district's current operating discretionary millage levy;
11 divided by total funded weighted full-time equivalent students
12 in the school district; multiplied by the weighted full-time
13 equivalent students for the charter school. Charter schools
14 whose students or programs meet the eligibility criteria in
15 law shall be entitled to their proportionate share of
16 categorical program funds included in the total funds
17 available in the Florida Education Finance Program by the
18 Legislature, including transportation. Total funding for each
19 charter school will be recalculated during the year to reflect
20 the revised calculations under the Florida Education Finance
21 Program by the state and the actual weighted full-time
22 equivalent students reported by the charter school during the
23 full-time equivalent student survey periods designated by the
24 Commissioner of Education.

25 (c) Transportation of charter school students shall be
26 provided by the charter school consistent with the
27 requirements of chapter 234. The governing body of the charter
28 school may provide transportation through an agreement or
29 contract with the district school board, a private provider,
30 or parents. The charter school and the sponsor shall cooperate
31 in making arrangements that ensure that transportation is not

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1 a barrier to equal access for all students residing within a
2 reasonable distance of the charter school as determined in its
3 charter.

4 (d) If the district school board is providing programs
5 or services to students funded by federal funds, any eligible
6 students enrolled in charter schools in the school district
7 shall be provided federal funds for the same level of service
8 provided students in the schools operated by the district
9 school board. Pursuant to provisions of 20 U.S.C. 8061 s.
10 10306, all charter schools shall receive all federal funding
11 for which the school is otherwise eligible, including Title I
12 funding, not later than 5 months after the charter school
13 first opens and within 5 months after any subsequent expansion
14 of enrollment.

15 (e) Any administrative fee charged by the school
16 district relating to a charter school shall be limited to 5
17 percent of the available funds as defined in paragraph (b) not
18 including capital outlay funds, federal and state grants, or
19 any other funds unless explicitly provided by law. The sponsor
20 shall provide certain administrative and educational services
21 to charter schools at no additional fee. These services shall
22 include contract management services, FTE and data reporting,
23 exceptional student education administration, test
24 administration, processing of teacher certificate data, and
25 information services.

26 (f) School boards shall make every effort to ensure
27 that charter schools receive timely and efficient
28 reimbursement, including processing paperwork required to
29 access special state and federal funding for which they may be
30 eligible. The district school board may distribute funds to a
31 charter school for up to 3 months based on the projected

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1 full-time equivalent student membership of the charter school.
2 Thereafter, the results of full-time equivalent student
3 membership surveys must be used in adjusting the amount of
4 funds distributed monthly to the charter school for the
5 remainder of the fiscal year. The payment shall be issued no
6 later than 10 working days after the district school board
7 receives a distribution of state or federal funds. If a
8 warrant for payment is not issued within 30 working days after
9 receipt of funding by the district school board, the school
10 district shall pay to the charter school, in addition to the
11 amount of the scheduled disbursement, interest at a rate of 1
12 percent per month calculated on a daily basis on the unpaid
13 balance from the expiration of the 30-day period until such
14 time as the warrant is issued.

15 (g) If a district school board facility or property is
16 available because it is surplus, marked for disposal, or
17 otherwise unused, it shall be provided for a charter school's
18 use on the same basis as it is made available to other public
19 schools in the district. A charter school receiving property
20 from the school district may not sell or dispose of such
21 property without written permission of the school district.
22 Similarly, for an existing public school converting to charter
23 status, no rental or leasing fee for the existing facility or
24 for the property normally inventoried to the conversion school
25 may be charged by the district school board to the parents and
26 teachers organizing the charter school. The charter
27 organizers shall agree to reasonable maintenance provisions in
28 order to maintain the facility in a manner similar to district
29 school board standards. The Public Education Capital Outlay
30 maintenance funds or any other maintenance funds generated by
31 the facility operated as a conversion school shall remain with

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1 the conversion school.

2 (h) If other goods and services are made available to
3 the charter school through the contract with the school
4 district, they shall be provided to the charter school at a
5 rate no greater than the district's actual cost. To maximize
6 the use of state funds, school districts shall allow charter
7 schools to participate in the sponsor's bulk purchasing
8 program if applicable.

9 (15)~~(14)~~ IMMUNITY.--For the purposes of tort
10 liability, the governing body and employees of a charter
11 school shall be governed by s. 768.28.

12 (16)~~(15)~~ LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.--A charter school
13 shall provide instruction for at least the number of days
14 required by law for other public schools, and may provide
15 instruction for additional days.

16 (17)~~(16)~~ FACILITIES.--

17 (a) A charter school shall utilize facilities which
18 comply with the State Uniform Building Code for Public
19 Educational Facilities Construction adopted pursuant to s.
20 235.26 or with applicable state minimum building codes
21 pursuant to chapter 553 and state minimum fire protection
22 codes pursuant to s. 633.025, as adopted by the authority in
23 whose jurisdiction the facility is located.

24 (b) Any facility, or portion thereof, used to house a
25 charter school whose charter has been approved by the sponsor
26 and the governing board, pursuant to subsection (9), shall be
27 exempt from ad valorem taxes pursuant to s. 196.1983.

28 (c) After January 1, 2001, charter school facilities
29 shall utilize facilities which comply with the Florida
30 Building Code, pursuant to chapter 553, and the Florida Fire
31 Prevention Code, pursuant to chapter 633.

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1 ~~(18)~~~~(17)~~ INITIAL COSTS.--A sponsor may approve a
2 charter for a charter school before the applicant has secured
3 space, equipment, or personnel, if the applicant indicates
4 approval is necessary for it to raise working capital.

5 ~~(19)~~~~(18)~~ INFORMATION.--The Department of Education
6 shall provide information to the public, directly and through
7 sponsors, both on how to form and operate a charter school and
8 on how to enroll in charter schools once they are created.
9 This information shall include a standard application format
10 which shall include the information specified in subsection
11 (9). This application format may be used by chartering
12 entities.

13 ~~(20)~~~~(19)~~ GENERAL AUTHORITY.--A charter school shall
14 not levy taxes or issue bonds secured by tax revenues.

15 ~~(21)~~~~(20)~~ REVIEW.--

16 (a) The Department of Education shall regularly
17 convene a Charter School Review Panel in order to review
18 issues, practices, and policies regarding charter schools. The
19 composition of the review panel shall include individuals with
20 experience in finance, administration, law, education, and
21 school governance, and individuals familiar with charter
22 school construction and operation. The panel shall include two
23 appointees each from the Commissioner of Education, the
24 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives. The Governor shall appoint three members of
26 the panel and shall designate the chair. Each member of the
27 panel shall serve a 1-year term, unless renewed by the office
28 making the appointment. The panel shall make recommendations
29 to the Legislature, to the Department of Education, to charter
30 schools, and to school districts for improving charter school
31 operations and oversight and for ensuring best business

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1 practices at and fair business relationships with charter
2 schools.

3 (b) The Legislature shall review the operation of
4 charter schools during the 2005 Regular Session of the
5 Legislature.

6 ~~(22)~~~~(21)~~ RULEMAKING.--The Department of Education,
7 after consultation with school districts and charter school
8 directors, shall recommend that the State Board of Education
9 adopt rules to implement specific subsections of this section.
10 Such rules shall require minimum paperwork and shall not limit
11 charter school flexibility authorized by statute.

12 ~~(23)~~~~(22)~~ CHARTER SCHOOLS-IN-THE-WORKPLACE, CHARTER
13 SCHOOLS-IN-A-DEVELOPMENT, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
14 IN-A-MUNICIPALITY.--

15 (a) In order to increase business partnerships in
16 education, to reduce school and classroom overcrowding
17 throughout the state, to encourage developers of residential
18 and other projects to provide school infrastructure concurrent
19 with school impacts, to promote and encourage local
20 communities to participate in and advance the cause of
21 neighborhood schools,and to offset the high costs for
22 educational facilities construction, the Legislature intends
23 to encourage the formation of business partnership schools or
24 satellite learning centers through charter school status.

25 (b) A charter school-in-the-workplace may be
26 established when a business partner provides the school
27 facility to be used; enrolls students based upon a random
28 lottery which involves all of the children of employees of
29 that business or corporation who are seeking enrollment, as
30 provided for in subsection (6); and enrolls students according
31 to the racial/ethnic balance provisions described in

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1 subparagraph (9)(a)8. Any portion of a facility used for a
2 public charter school shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes,
3 as provided for in s. 235.198, for the duration of its use as
4 a public school.

5 (c) A charter school-in-a-municipality designation may
6 be granted to a municipality that possesses a charter; enrolls
7 students based upon a random lottery that involves all of the
8 children of the residents of that municipality who are seeking
9 enrollment, as provided for in subsection (6); and enrolls
10 students according to the racial/ethnic balance provisions
11 described in subparagraph (9)(a)8. Any portion of the land and
12 facility used for a public charter school shall be exempt from
13 ad valorem taxes, as provided for in s. 235.198, for the
14 duration of its use as a public school.

15 (d) As used in this subsection, the terms "business
16 partner," "employer," "developer," or "municipality" may
17 include more than one business, employer, developer, or
18 municipality to form a charter school-in-the-workplace,
19 charter school-in-a-development, or charter
20 school-in-a-municipality.

21 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 228.0561,
22 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23 228.0561 Charter schools capital outlay funding.--

24 (1) In each year in which funds are appropriated for
25 charter school capital outlay purposes, the Commissioner of
26 Education shall allocate the funds among eligible charter
27 schools. To be eligible for a funding allocation, a charter
28 school must meet the provisions of subsection (6), must have
29 received final approval from its sponsor pursuant to s.
30 228.056 for operation during that fiscal year, and must serve
31 students in facilities that are not provided by the charter

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1 school's sponsor. Prior to the release of capital outlay
2 funds to a school district on behalf of the charter school,
3 the Department of Education shall ensure that the district
4 school board and the charter school governing board enter into
5 a written agreement that includes provisions for the reversion
6 of any unencumbered funds and all equipment and property
7 purchased with public education funds to the ownership of the
8 district school board, as provided for in subsection (3), in
9 the event that the school terminates operations. Any funds
10 recovered by the state shall be deposited in the General
11 Revenue Fund. A charter school is not eligible for a funding
12 allocation if it was created by the conversion of a public
13 school and operates in facilities provided by the charter
14 school's sponsor for a nominal fee or at no charge or if it is
15 directly or indirectly operated by the school district. Unless
16 otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act, the
17 funding allocation for each eligible charter school shall be
18 determined by multiplying the school's projected student
19 enrollment by one-fifteenth of the cost-per-student station
20 specified in s. 235.435(6)(b) for an elementary, middle, or
21 high school, as appropriate. If the funds appropriated are
22 not sufficient, the commissioner shall prorate the available
23 funds among eligible charter schools. Funds shall be
24 distributed on the basis of the capital outlay full-time
25 equivalent membership by grade level, which shall be
26 calculated by averaging the results of the second and third
27 enrollment surveys. The Department of Education shall
28 distribute capital outlay funds monthly, beginning in the
29 first quarter of the fiscal year, based on one-twelfth of the
30 amount the department reasonably expects the charter school to
31 receive during that fiscal year. The commissioner shall adjust

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1 subsequent distributions as necessary to reflect each charter
2 school's actual student enrollment as reflected in the second
3 and third enrollment surveys.~~Sixty percent of the funds shall~~
4 ~~be distributed after the second enrollment survey, and the~~
5 ~~balance shall be distributed after the third enrollment~~
6 ~~survey. The commissioner shall adjust subsequent distributions~~
7 ~~as necessary to reflect each charter school's actual student~~
8 ~~enrollment.~~The commissioner shall establish the intervals and
9 procedures for determining the projected and actual student
10 enrollment of eligible charter schools.

11 Section 14. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3)
12 of section 232.425, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 232.425 Student standards for participation in
14 interscholastic extracurricular student activities;
15 regulation.--

16 (3)

17 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to
18 s. 228.056 is eligible to participate at the public school to
19 which the student would be assigned according to district
20 school attendance area policies or which the student could
21 choose to attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict
22 controlled open-enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic
23 extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity
24 is provided by the student's charter school, if the following
25 conditions are met:

26 1. The charter school student must meet the
27 requirements of the charter school education program as
28 determined by the charter school governing board.

29 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
30 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress
31 as required in paragraph (b).

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1 3. The charter school student must meet the same
2 residency requirements as other students in the school at
3 which he or she participates.

4 4. The charter school student must meet the same
5 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are
6 required of other students in extracurricular activities.

7 5. The charter school student must register with the
8 school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic
9 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school
10 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in
11 which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school
12 student must be able to participate in curricular activities
13 if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

14 6. A student who transfers from a charter school
15 program to a traditional public school before or during the
16 first grading period of the school year is academically
17 eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
18 activities during the first grading period if the student has
19 a successful evaluation from the previous school year,
20 pursuant to subparagraph 2.

21 7. Any public school or nonpublic school student who
22 has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for
23 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is
24 ineligible to participate in such activities as a charter
25 school student until the student has successfully completed
26 one grading period in a charter school pursuant to
27 subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate as a charter
28 school student.

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30 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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1 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 19, line 24, after the second semicolon,

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5 insert:

6 amending s. 159.27, F.S.; redefining the term
7 "educational facility" for purposes of part II
8 of ch. 159, F.S., the Florida Industrial
9 Development Financing Act, to include charter
10 schools and developmental research schools;
11 amending s. 228.056, F.S.; providing
12 requirements for conversion to charter schools;
13 establishing new purposes for charter schools;
14 prohibiting a sponsor from charging an
15 application fee; removing a school board's
16 ability to refuse to follow the recommendation
17 of the State Board of Education for good cause
18 in cases of charter-school appeals; permitting
19 a charter school to admit students on the basis
20 of artistic, academic, or other standards;
21 revising requirements regarding the capacity of
22 the charter school; granting a charter school's
23 governing board the right to appeal a school
24 board's decision to terminate a charter school;
25 changing the procedure for granting a charter
26 school an exemption from statutory provisions;
27 revising the requirements for the staff of a
28 charter school; revising procedures relating to
29 the administrative fee charged by a school
30 district; revising requirements for a charter
31 school in the workplace; amending s. 228.0561,

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F.S.; revising procedures relating to funding for charter-school facilities; amending s. 232.425, F.S.; authorizing charter school students to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned in any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school;