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Representative Arza offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause, and insert:

Section 1. (1) A municipality with an unincarcerated population of at least 150,000 as of the latest federal census shall have the ability, by proposal and resolution, to convert all public schools within the jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality to charter schools in accordance with the provisions of this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such conversion charter schools are subject to the provisions of s. 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The governing board of such conversion charter schools shall be the legislative body of the municipality, which may serve as the fiscal agent of such conversion charter schools.

(2) When it is proposed to exercise the powers granted by this section, a resolution shall be passed by the city council

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28 or the legislative body of the municipality, by whatever name
29 known. The resolution shall include a description of a plan for
30 the conversion of all public schools within the jurisdictional
31 boundaries of the municipality to charter schools, which plan
32 includes accountability for student academic achievement. The
33 resolution shall also include a description of a plan by which
34 the conversion charter schools will receive the public education
35 capital outlay maintenance funds or any other maintenance funds
36 generated by the facilities that will be operated as conversion
37 charter schools, as well as the proportionate share of ad
38 valorem tax proceeds. Such resolution shall be put to the voters
39 who reside within the jurisdiction of the municipality during
40 the next municipal election following passage of the resolution.

41 (3) Upon approval of the resolution by a majority of the
42 voters who reside within the jurisdiction of the municipality,
43 the municipality may apply to the district school board within
44 whose jurisdiction the municipality is located for the
45 conversion of all public schools within the jurisdictional
46 boundaries of the municipality. The application must include the
47 plan for the conversion of all public schools within the
48 jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality to charter
49 schools. The application must also include the plan by which the
50 conversion charter schools will receive the public education
51 capital outlay maintenance funds or any other maintenance funds
52 generated by the facilities that will be operated as conversion
53 charter schools, as well as the proportionate share of ad
54 valorem tax proceeds. The application must demonstrate, for each
55 school proposed for conversion, the support of at least 50
56 percent of the teachers employed at each school and the support

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57 of at least 50 percent of the parents voting whose children are
58 enrolled at each school, provided that a majority of the parents
59 eligible to vote participate in the ballot process, according to
60 rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

61 (4) A district school board denying an application by a
62 municipality for conversion charter schools shall provide notice
63 of denial in writing within 30 days after the meeting at which
64 the district school board denied the application. The notice
65 must specify the exact reasons for denial and must provide
66 documentation supporting those reasons. Decisions of the school
67 district regarding the application of a municipality for
68 conversion charter schools may be appealed to the State Board of
69 Education.

70 (5) Conversion charter schools created pursuant to this
71 section are not eligible for capital outlay funding pursuant to
72 s. 1002.33(20), Florida Statutes, and shall not under any
73 circumstances request capital outlay funding pursuant to s.
74 1013.62, Florida Statutes.

75 (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and
76 procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this
77 section, pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida
78 Statutes.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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82 Remove the entire title, and insert:

83 A bill to be entitled

84 An act relating to educational facilities; authorizing
85 certain municipalities, by proposal and resolution, to

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86 | convert public schools to charter schools; providing
87 | requirements for the resolution; providing for application
88 | to the district school board for conversion; providing for
89 | notice of denial of application and appeal; providing
90 | restrictions relating to capital outlay funding; providing
91 | for rules; providing an effective date.