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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1003.62, F.S.; postponing the termination of an academic performance-based charter school pilot program in certain counties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 1003.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.62 Academic performance-based charter school districts.--The State Board of Education may enter into a performance contract with district school boards as authorized in this section for the purpose of establishing them as academic performance-based charter school districts. The purpose of this section is to examine a new relationship between the State Board of Education and district school boards that will produce significant improvements in student achievement, while complying with constitutional and statutory requirements assigned to each entity.

(7) PILOT PROGRAM CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS; GRANDFATHER PROVISION.--The State Board of Education shall use the criteria approved in the initial charter applications issued to the school districts of Volusia, Hillsborough, Orange, and Palm Beach Counties to renew those pilot program charter school districts in accordance with this subsection. No additional pilot program charter school districts shall be approved, and the pilot program consists solely of school districts in Volusia, Hillsborough, Orange, and Palm Beach Counties. The termination of the charter school districts

