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An act relating to the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission; repealing s. 1002.335, F.S., which establishes the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. <u>Section 1002.335</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 2. Paragraphs (e) through (i) of subsection (6) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) through (h), respectively, and present paragraph (d) of that subsection is amended to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.--

- (6) APPLICATION PROCESS AND REVIEW.--Charter school applications are subject to the following requirements:
- (d) For charter school applications in school districts that have not been granted exclusive authority to sponsor charter schools pursuant to s. 1002.335(5), the right to appeal an application denial under paragraph (c) shall be contingent on the applicant having submitted the same or a substantially similar application to the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission or one of its cosponsors. Any such applicant whose application is denied by the commission or one of its cosponsors subsequent to its denial by the district school board may exercise its right to appeal the district school board's denial

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under paragraph (c) within 30 days after receipt of the commission's or cosponsor's denial or failure to act on the application. However, the applicant forfeits its right to appeal under paragraph (c) if it fails to submit its application to the commission or one of its cosponsors by August 1 of the school year immediately following the district school board's denial of the application.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.