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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations (Dockery)  
2 recommended the following **substitute for amendment (341150)**:

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4 **Senate Amendment**

5 Delete line(s) 286-318  
6 and insert:

7 (a) A person or entity wishing to open a charter school  
8 shall prepare and submit an application on a model application  
9 form prepared by the Department of Education, in conjunction with  
10 the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission, which that:

11 1. Demonstrates how the school will use the guiding  
12 principles and meet the statutorily defined purpose of a charter  
13 school.

14 2. Provides a detailed curriculum plan that illustrates how  
15 students will be provided services to attain the Sunshine State  
16 Standards.



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17           3. Contains goals and objectives for improving student  
18 learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and  
19 objectives must indicate how much academic improvement students  
20 are expected to show each year, how success will be evaluated,  
21 and the specific results to be attained through instruction.

22           4. Describes the reading curriculum and differentiated  
23 strategies that will be used for students reading at grade level  
24 or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students  
25 who are reading below grade level. A sponsor shall deny a charter  
26 if the school does not propose a reading curriculum that is  
27 consistent with effective teaching strategies that are grounded  
28 in scientifically based reading research.

29           5. Contains an annual financial plan for each year  
30 requested by the charter for operation of the school for up to 5  
31 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances based on  
32 revenue projections, a spending plan based on projected revenues  
33 and expenses, and a description of controls that will safeguard  
34 finances and projected enrollment trends.

35           6. Documents that the applicant has participated in the  
36 training required in subparagraph (g)2. A sponsor may require an  
37 applicant to provide additional information, as an addendum to  
38 the charter school application as described in paragraph (a).

39           (b) A sponsor shall receive and review all applications for  
40 a charter school using an evaluation instrument developed by the  
41 Department of Education. A sponsor may require an applicant to  
42 provide additional information, as an addendum to this evaluation  
43 instrument. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school