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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 816 and 817

insert:

(10) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—

(a) A charter school shall be open to any student covered in an interdistrict agreement or residing in the school district in which the charter school is located; however, in the case of a charter lab school, the charter lab school shall be open to any student eligible to attend the lab school as provided in s. 1002.32 or who resides in the school district in which the charter lab school is located. Any eligible student shall be



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13 allowed interdistrict transfer to attend a charter school when
14 based on good cause. Good cause shall include, but is not
15 limited to, geographic proximity to a charter school in a
16 neighboring school district.

17 (17) FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a charter school,
18 regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are in
19 a basic program or a special program, the same as students
20 enrolled in other public schools in the school district. Funding
21 for a charter lab school shall be as provided in s. 1002.32.

22 (d) Charter schools shall be included by the Department of
23 Education and the district school board in requests for federal
24 stimulus funds in the same manner as district school board-
25 operated public schools, including Title I and IDEA funds and
26 shall be entitled to receive such funds. Charter schools are
27 eligible to participate in federal competitive grants that are
28 available as part of the federal stimulus funds.

29 (e) ~~(d)~~ District school boards shall make timely and
30 efficient payment and reimbursement to charter schools,
31 including processing paperwork required to access special state
32 and federal funding for which they may be eligible. The district
33 school board may distribute funds to a charter school for up to
34 3 months based on the projected full-time equivalent student
35 membership of the charter school. Thereafter, the results of
36 full-time equivalent student membership surveys shall be used in
37 adjusting the amount of funds distributed monthly to the charter
38 school for the remainder of the fiscal year. The payment shall
39 be issued no later than 10 working days after the district
40 school board receives a distribution of state or federal funds.
41 If a warrant for payment is not issued within 10 working days



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42 after receipt of funding by the district school board, the
43 school district shall pay to the charter school, in addition to
44 the amount of the scheduled disbursement, interest at a rate of
45 1 percent per month calculated on a daily basis on the unpaid
46 balance from the expiration of the 10 working days until such
47 time as the warrant is issued.

48 (20) SERVICES.—

49 (a) A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and
50 educational services to charter schools. These services shall
51 include contract management services; full-time equivalent and
52 data reporting services; exceptional student education
53 administration services; services related to eligibility and
54 reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services
55 under the federal lunch program, consistent with the needs of
56 the charter school, are provided by the school district at the
57 request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter
58 school under the federal lunch program be paid to the charter
59 school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under
60 the federal lunch program, and that the charter school is paid
61 at the same time and in the same manner under the federal lunch
62 program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the
63 school district; test administration services, including payment
64 of the costs of state-required or district-required student
65 assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services;
66 and information services, including equal access to student
67 information systems that are used by public schools in the
68 district in which the charter school is located. Student
69 performance data for each student in a charter school,
70 including, but not limited to, FCAT scores, standardized test



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71 scores, previous public school student report cards, and student
72 performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a
73 charter school in the same manner provided to other public
74 schools in the district. A total administrative fee for the
75 provision of such services shall be calculated based upon up to
76 5 percent of the available funds defined in paragraph (17)(b)
77 for all students. However, a sponsor may only withhold up to a
78 5-percent administrative fee for enrollment for up to and
79 including 500 students. For charter schools with a population of
80 501 or more students, the difference between the total
81 administrative fee calculation and the amount of the
82 administrative fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay
83 purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2). Each charter school shall
84 receive 100 percent of the funds awarded to that school pursuant
85 to s. 1012.225. Sponsors shall not charge charter schools any
86 additional fees or surcharges for administrative and educational
87 services in addition to the maximum 5-percent administrative fee
88 withheld pursuant to this paragraph.

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90 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

91 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

92 Delete line 330

93 and insert:

94 subsection (9), paragraph (a) of subsection (10), present
95 paragraph (d) of subsection (17) is redesignated as paragraph
96 (e) and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection,
97 paragraph (a) of subsection (20), and subsections (21) and (23)
98 of section

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100 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

101 And the title is amended as follows:

102 Delete line 24

103 and insert:

104 hearing or for a hearing under ch. 120, F.S.;

105 providing that good cause for allowing an

106 interdistrict transfer includes, but is not limited

107 to, geographic proximity to a charter school;

108 providing for charter schools to be included in

109 requests for federal stimulus funds and federal

110 competitive grants; revising provisions relating to

111 certain administrative and educational services

112 provided by sponsors to charter schools;