

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Nelson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 878-956 and insert:

5 (20) SERVICES.--

6 (a) 1. A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and
7 educational services to charter schools. These services shall
8 include contract management services; full-time equivalent and
9 data reporting services; exceptional student education
10 administration services; services related to eligibility and
11 reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services
12 under the federal lunch program, consistent with the needs of
13 the charter school, are provided by the school district at the
14 request of the charter school and that any funds due to the
15 charter school under the federal lunch program are paid to the
16 charter school at the same time and in the same manner as other

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17 public schools serviced by the sponsor; test administration
18 services, including payment of the costs of state-required or
19 district-required student assessments; processing of teacher
20 certificate data services; and information services, including
21 equal access to student information systems that are used by
22 public schools in the district in which the charter school is
23 located. Student performance data for each student in a charter
24 school, including, but not limited to, FCAT scores, standardized
25 test scores, previous public school student report cards, and
26 student performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor
27 to a charter school in the same manner provided to other public
28 schools in the district.

29 2. A total administrative fee for the provision of ~~such~~
30 services under subparagraph 1. shall be calculated based upon up
31 to 5 percent of the available funds defined in paragraph (17) (b)
32 for all students. However, a sponsor may only withhold up to a
33 5-percent administrative fee for enrollment for up to and
34 including 500 students. For charter schools with a population of
35 501 or more students, the difference between the total
36 administrative fee calculation and the amount of the
37 administrative fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay
38 purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2). Each charter school shall
39 receive 100 percent of the funds awarded to that school pursuant
40 to s. 1012.225. Sponsors shall not charge charter schools any
41 additional fees or surcharges for administrative and educational
42 services in addition to the maximum 5-percent administrative fee
43 withheld pursuant to this subparagraph ~~paragraph~~.

44 (21) PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CHARTER SCHOOLS.--

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45 (a) The Department of Education shall provide information
46 to the public, directly and through sponsors, ~~both~~ on how to
47 form and operate a charter school and ~~on~~ how to enroll in a
48 charter school ~~schools~~ once it is ~~they are~~ created. This
49 information shall include a standard application format, charter
50 format, evaluation instrument, and charter renewal format, which
51 shall include the information specified in subsection (7) and
52 shall be developed by consulting and negotiating with both
53 school districts and charter schools before implementation. The
54 charter and charter renewal ~~These~~ formats shall be used as
55 guidelines by charter school sponsors.

56 (b)1. The Department of Education shall report student
57 assessment data pursuant to s. 1008.34(3)(c) which is reported
58 to schools that receive a school grade or student assessment
59 data pursuant to s. 1008.341(3) which is reported to alternative
60 schools that receive a school improvement rating to each charter
61 school that:

62 a. Does not receive a school grade pursuant to s. 1008.34
63 or a school improvement rating pursuant to s. 1008.341; and

64 b. Serves at least 10 students who are tested on the
65 statewide assessment test pursuant to s. 1008.22.

66 2. The charter school shall report the information in
67 subparagraph 1. to each parent of a student at the charter
68 school, the district in which the charter school is located, and
69 the governing board of the charter school. This paragraph does
70 not abrogate the provisions of s. 1002.22, relating to student
71 records, or the requirements of 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, the Family
72 Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

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73 3.a. Pursuant to this paragraph, the Department of
74 Education shall compare the charter school student performance
75 data for each charter school in subparagraph 1. with the student
76 performance data in traditional public schools in the district
77 in which the charter school is located and other charter schools
78 in the state with substantially similar demographics in
79 ethnicity, exceptional student education, English for Speakers
80 of Other Languages, and free and reduced-price lunch
81 populations. For alternative charter schools, the department
82 shall compare the student performance data described in this
83 paragraph with alternative schools in the state with
84 substantially similar demographics in ethnicity, exceptional
85 student education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and
86 free and reduced-price lunch populations. The
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