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Senators Thrasher and Wise moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 428 and 429

insert:

Section 9. Section 1002.46, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1002.46 Charter virtual school.-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.-A charter virtual school shall be part of the state's program of public education.

(2) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION.-A provider of virtual instruction that has been approved by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 1002.45 and that has a charter school agreement approved by a district school board pursuant to s. 1002.33 may be



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14 established as a charter virtual school as provided in this
15 section and may provide virtual instruction to students who
16 reside in the district in which the charter is granted.

17 (3) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A charter virtual school must
18 meet the requirements of program definitions, provider
19 qualifications, virtual instruction, contract requirements,
20 student participation, and assessment and accountability as
21 provided in s. 1002.45(1)(a) and (b), (2), (3), (4), (6), and
22 (8).

23 (4) STUDENT ELGIBILITY.—A charter virtual school may enroll
24 a student who resides in the school district in which the
25 charter is granted and meets the requirements of s.
26 1002.45(5)(a), (b), or (c).

27 (5) FUNDING.—Funding for a charter virtual school shall be
28 through the Florida Education Finance Program as follows:

29 (a) A full-time equivalent student shall be reported as
30 required under s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(III) or (IV).

31 (b) A charter virtual school shall report its full-time
32 equivalent students to the school district in which the charter
33 is granted in the manner prescribed by the Department of
34 Education.

35 (c) School districts shall report charter virtual school
36 full-time equivalent students to the Department of Education in
37 the manner prescribed by the department and the eligible FTE
38 shall be funded through the Florida Education Finance Program.

39 (d) For each eligible full-time equivalent student reported
40 by a charter virtual school and funded in the Florida Education
41 Finance Program, the school district shall receive an annual
42 allocation for operation which is equivalent to the funds per



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43 unweighted student as provided to the Florida Virtual School.
44 This amount shall be included in the basic amount to be included
45 for operation under the Florida Education Finance Program for
46 each district; however, these payments and full-time equivalent
47 students may not be used for any another other calculation under
48 the Florida Education Finance Program. The school district may
49 retain an administrative fee pursuant to s. 1002.33(20) (a) prior
50 to the distribution of funds to the charter virtual school.

51 (6) EXCEPTIONS.—A charter virtual school is not required to
52 meet the educational facilities or student transportation
53 requirements for charter schools under s. 1002.33.

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

56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete line 41

58 and insert:

59 requiring a report; creating s. 1002.46, F.S.;

60 providing for the establishment of charter virtual

61 schools; providing requirements for participation in

62 the program; providing requirements for student

63 eligibility; providing for funding; providing

64 exceptions from certain requirements; amending ss.

65 1002.55 and 1002.63,