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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to virtual schools; amending s.
3 1002.33, F.S.; providing that a virtual school
4 operated by an approved provider under s. 1002.45,
5 F.S., may be a charter school for purposes of s.
6 1002.33, F.S.; providing that the virtual school is
7 not subject to certain provisions pertaining to
8 facilities or student transportation; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1002.33, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1002.33 Charter schools.—

16 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Charter schools shall be part of the
17 state's program of public education. All charter schools in
18 Florida are public schools. A charter school may be formed by
19 creating a new school or converting an existing public school to
20 charter status. A virtual school operated by a provider that is
21 approved by the Department of Education under s. 1002.45 may be
22 a charter school for purposes of this section. However, the
23 virtual school is not subject to or governed by the provisions
24 in this section which pertain to facilities or student
25 transportation. A public school may not use the term charter in
26 its name unless it has been approved under this section.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.