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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Montford) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (883798) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 622 - 680  
5 and insert:

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7           (c) If the district school board is providing programs or  
8 services to students funded by federal funds, any eligible  
9 students enrolled in charter schools in the school district  
10 shall be provided federal funds for the same level of service  
11 provided students in the schools operated by the district school  
12 board. All federal funds received by a district school board for



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13 the benefit of charter schools, charter school students, or  
14 charter school students as public school students in the school  
15 district, including, but not limited to, Title I, Title II, and  
16 IDEA funds, shall be paid in total to charter schools within 60  
17 days after receipt by the district school board. Pursuant to  
18 provisions of 20 U.S.C. 8061 s. 10306, all charter schools shall  
19 receive all federal funding for which the school is otherwise  
20 eligible, including Title I funding, not later than 5 months  
21 after the charter school first opens and within 5 months after  
22 any subsequent expansion of enrollment.

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

30 (e) District school boards shall make timely and efficient  
31 payment and reimbursement to charter schools, including  
32 processing paperwork required to access special state and  
33 federal funding for which they may be eligible. The district  
34 school board may distribute funds to a charter school for up to  
35 3 months based on the projected full-time equivalent student  
36 membership of the charter school. Thereafter, the results of  
37 full-time equivalent student membership surveys shall be used in  
38 adjusting the amount of funds distributed monthly to the charter  
39 school for the remainder of the fiscal year. The payment shall  
40 be issued no later than 10 working days after the district  
41 school board receives a distribution of state or federal funds.



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42 If a warrant for payment is not issued within 10 working days  
43 after receipt of funding by the district school board, the  
44 school district shall pay to the charter school, in addition to  
45 the amount of the scheduled disbursement, interest at a rate of  
46 1 percent per month calculated on a daily basis on the unpaid  
47 balance from the expiration of the 10 working days until such  
48 time as the warrant is issued.

49 (f) Funding for a virtual charter school shall be as  
50 provided in s. 1002.45(7).

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

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete lines 1140 - 1147

55 and insert:

56 meeting continuing education requirements; requiring  
57 payment to charter