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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (640620) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 456 and 457
5 insert:

6 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.331, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 1002.331 High-performing charter schools.-

9 (2) A high-performing charter school is authorized to:

10 (a) Increase its student enrollment once per school year ~~by~~
11 ~~up to 15 percent~~ more than the capacity identified in the
12 charter, but student enrollment may not exceed the current



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13 facility capacity.

14 (b) Expand grade levels within kindergarten through grade
15 12 to add grade levels not already served if any annual
16 enrollment increase resulting from grade level expansion is
17 within the limit established in paragraph (a).

18 (c) Submit a quarterly, rather than a monthly, financial
19 statement to the sponsor pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(g).

20 (d) Consolidate under a single charter the charters of
21 multiple high-performing charter schools operated in the same
22 school district by the charter schools' governing board
23 regardless of the renewal cycle.

24 (e) Receive a modification of its charter to a term of 15
25 years or a 15-year charter renewal. The charter may be modified
26 or renewed for a shorter term at the option of the high-
27 performing charter school. The charter must be consistent with
28 s. 1002.33(7)(a)19. and (10)(h) and (i), is subject to annual
29 review by the sponsor, and may be terminated during its term
30 pursuant to s. 1002.33(8).

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32 A high-performing charter school shall notify its sponsor in
33 writing by March 1 if it intends to increase enrollment or
34 expand grade levels the following school year. The written
35 notice shall specify the amount of the enrollment increase and
36 the grade levels that will be added, as applicable. If a charter
37 school notifies the sponsor of its intent to expand, the sponsor
38 shall modify the charter within 90 days to include the new
39 enrollment maximum. The sponsor may deny a request to increase
40 the enrollment of a high-performing charter school if, after
41 requesting to expand, the charter school no longer qualifies as



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42 a high-performing charter school under subsection (1). If a
43 high-performing charter school requests to consolidate multiple
44 charters, the sponsor shall have 40 days after receipt of that
45 request to provide an initial draft charter to the charter
46 school. The sponsor and charter school shall have 50 days
47 thereafter to negotiate and notice the charter contract for
48 final approval by the sponsor.

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

51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete line 494

53 and insert:

54 governing board; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; modifying
55 a limitation for increasing student enrollment;
56 providing that the sponsor may deny a request to
57 increase enrollment under certain circumstances;
58 establishing timeframes for a charter school
59 requesting that multiple charters be consolidated;
60 requiring that full implementation of