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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Sachs) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 22 and 23

insert:

(a) A person or entity wishing to open a charter school shall prepare and submit an application on a model application form prepared by the Department of Education which:

1. Demonstrates how the school will use the guiding principles and meet the statutorily defined purpose of a charter school.



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11           2. Provides a detailed curriculum plan that illustrates how  
12 students will be provided services to attain the Sunshine State  
13 Standards.

14           3. Contains goals and objectives for improving student  
15 learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and  
16 objectives must indicate how much academic improvement students  
17 are expected to show each year, how success will be evaluated,  
18 and the specific results to be attained through instruction.

19           4. Describes the reading curriculum and differentiated  
20 strategies that will be used for students reading at grade level  
21 or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students  
22 who are reading below grade level. A sponsor shall deny a  
23 charter if the school does not propose a reading curriculum that  
24 is consistent with effective teaching strategies that are  
25 grounded in scientifically based reading research.

26           5. Contains an annual financial plan for each year  
27 requested by the charter for operation of the school for up to 5  
28 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances based on  
29 revenue projections, a spending plan based on projected revenues  
30 and expenses, and a description of controls that will safeguard  
31 finances and projected enrollment trends.

32           6. Documents that the applicant has participated in the  
33 training required in subparagraph (f)2. A sponsor may require an  
34 applicant to provide additional information as an addendum to  
35 the charter school application described in this paragraph.

36           7. For the establishment of a virtual charter school,  
37 documents that the applicant has contracted with a provider of  
38 virtual instruction services pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(d).

39           8. Documents that the applicant has secured a \$250,000 line



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40 of credit, surety bond, or a grant commitment from a charitable  
41 contribution before the charter school begins operation. For  
42 purposes of this subparagraph, charitable contribution has the  
43 same meaning as defined in s. 170(c) of the Internal Revenue  
44 Code of 1986, if such contribution consists of cash or a  
45 financial instrument as defined in s. 731(c)(2)(C) of the  
46 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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48 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

49 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

50 Delete line 17

51 and insert:

52 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (h) of subsection (6) and  
53 paragraph

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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 3

58 and insert:

59 1022.33, F.S.; revising requirements for the process  
60 and review of charter school applications; authorizing  
61 contract disputes to be