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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee
 2 Representative Cortes, B. offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

5 Between lines 609 and 610, insert:

6 (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (n)1. The director and a representative of the governing
 8 board of a charter school that has earned a grade of "D" or "F"
 9 pursuant to s. 1008.34 shall appear before the sponsor to
 10 present information concerning each contract component having
 11 noted deficiencies. The director and a representative of the
 12 governing board shall submit to the sponsor for approval a
 13 school improvement plan to raise student performance. Upon
 14 approval by the sponsor, the charter school shall begin
 15 implementation of the school improvement plan. The department
 16 shall offer technical assistance and training to the charter

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17 school and its governing board and establish guidelines for
18 developing, submitting, and approving such plans.

19 2.a. If a charter school earns three consecutive grades of
20 "D," two consecutive grades of "D" followed by a grade of "F,"
21 or two nonconsecutive grades of "F" within a 3-year period, the
22 charter school governing board shall choose one of the following
23 corrective actions:

24 (I) Contract for educational services to be provided
25 directly to students, instructional personnel, and school
26 administrators, as prescribed in state board rule;

27 (II) Contract with an outside entity that has a
28 demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school;

29 (III) Reorganize the school under a new director or
30 principal who is authorized to hire new staff; or

31 (IV) Voluntarily close the charter school.

32 b. The charter school must implement the corrective action
33 in the school year following receipt of a third consecutive
34 grade of "D," a grade of "F" following two consecutive grades of
35 "D," or a second nonconsecutive grade of "F" within a 3-year
36 period.

37 c. The sponsor may annually waive a corrective action if
38 it determines that the charter school is likely to improve a
39 letter grade if additional time is provided to implement the
40 intervention and support strategies prescribed by the school
41 improvement plan. Notwithstanding this sub-subparagraph, a

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42 charter school that earns a second consecutive grade of "F" is
43 subject to subparagraph 4.

44 d. A charter school is no longer required to implement a
45 corrective action if it improves by at least one letter grade.
46 However, the charter school must continue to implement
47 strategies identified in the school improvement plan. The
48 sponsor must annually review implementation of the school
49 improvement plan to monitor the school's continued improvement
50 pursuant to subparagraph 5.

51 e. A charter school implementing a corrective action that
52 does not improve by at least one letter grade after 2 full
53 school years of implementing the corrective action must select a
54 different corrective action. Implementation of the new
55 corrective action must begin in the school year following the
56 implementation period of the existing corrective action, unless
57 the sponsor determines that the charter school is likely to
58 improve a letter grade if additional time is provided to
59 implement the existing corrective action. Notwithstanding this
60 sub-subparagraph, a charter school that earns a second
61 consecutive grade of "F" while implementing a corrective action
62 is subject to subparagraph 4.

63 3. A charter school with a grade of "D" or "F" that
64 improves by at least one letter grade must continue to implement
65 the strategies identified in the school improvement plan. The
66 sponsor must annually review implementation of the school

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67 improvement plan to monitor the school's continued improvement
68 pursuant to subparagraph 5.

69 4. A charter school's charter contract is automatically
70 terminated if the school earns two consecutive grades of "F"
71 after all school grade appeals are final unless:

72 a. The charter school is established to turn around the
73 performance of a district public school pursuant to s.
74 1008.33(4)(b)3. Such charter schools shall be governed by s.
75 1008.33;

76 b. The charter school serves a student population the
77 majority of which resides in a school zone served by a district
78 public school that earned a grade of "F" in the year before the
79 charter school opened and the charter school earns at least a
80 grade of "D" in its third year of operation. The exception
81 provided under this sub-subparagraph does not apply to a charter
82 school in its fourth year of operation and thereafter; or

83 c. The state board grants the charter school a waiver of
84 termination. The charter school must request the waiver within
85 15 days after the department's official release of school
86 grades. The state board may waive termination if the charter
87 school demonstrates that the Learning Gains of its students on
88 statewide assessments are comparable to or better than the
89 Learning Gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby
90 district public schools. ~~The waiver is valid for 1 year and may
91 only be granted once. Charter schools that have been in~~

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92 ~~operation for more than 5 years are not eligible for a waiver~~
93 ~~under this sub-subparagraph.~~

94 The sponsor shall notify the charter school's governing
95 board, the charter school principal, and the department in
96 writing when a charter contract is terminated under this
97 subparagraph. The letter of termination must meet the
98 requirements of paragraph (8)(c). A charter terminated under
99 this subparagraph must follow the procedures for dissolution and
100 reversion of public funds pursuant to paragraphs (8)(e)-(g) and
101 (9)(o).

102 5. The director and a representative of the governing
103 board of a graded charter school that has implemented a school
104 improvement plan under this paragraph shall appear before the
105 sponsor at least once a year to present information regarding
106 the progress of intervention and support strategies implemented
107 by the school pursuant to the school improvement plan and
108 corrective actions, if applicable. The sponsor shall communicate
109 at the meeting, and in writing to the director, the services
110 provided to the school to help the school address its
111 deficiencies.

112 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph except
113 sub-subparagraphs 4.a.-c., the sponsor may terminate the charter
114 at any time pursuant to subsection (8).

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117 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

118 Remove line 8 and insert:

119 enrolled in blended learning courses; revising the
120 commissioner's waiver authority regarding closure of charter
121 schools; clarifying