

26 | which shall incorporate the approved application and any addenda
27 | approved with the application. Any term or condition of a
28 | proposed charter contract that differs from the standard charter
29 | contract adopted by rule of the State Board of Education shall
30 | be presumed a limitation on charter school flexibility. The
31 | sponsor may not impose unreasonable rules or regulations that
32 | violate the intent of giving charter schools greater flexibility
33 | to meet educational goals. The charter shall be signed by the
34 | governing board of the charter school and the sponsor, following
35 | a public hearing to ensure community input.

36 | (d) A charter may be modified during its ~~initial term or~~
37 | ~~any renewal~~ term upon the recommendation of the sponsor or the
38 | charter school's governing board and the approval of both
39 | parties to the agreement. Changes to curriculum which are
40 | consistent with state standards shall be deemed approved unless
41 | the sponsor and the Department of Education determine in writing
42 | that the curriculum is inconsistent with state standards.
43 | Modification during any term may include, but is not limited to,
44 | consolidation of multiple charters into a single charter if the
45 | charters are operated under the same governing board, regardless
46 | of the renewal cycle. A charter school that is not subject to a
47 | school improvement plan and that closes as part of a
48 | consolidation shall be reported by the sponsor as a
49 | consolidation. A request for a consolidation of multiple
50 | charters that is submitted outside of the renewal term window

51 must be approved or denied within 60 days after the submission
52 of the request. If the request is denied, the sponsor shall
53 notify the charter school's governing board of the denial and
54 provide the specific reasons, in reasonable detail, for the
55 denial of the request for consolidation.

56 (8) CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF CHARTER.—

57 (b) Before a vote on any proposed action to renew,
58 terminate, or not renew the charter and at least 90 days before
59 the end of the school year ~~renewing, nonrenewing, or terminating~~
60 a charter, the sponsor shall notify the governing board of the
61 school in writing of the proposed action to renew, terminate, or
62 not renew the charter. A charter shall automatically renew with
63 the same terms and conditions if a vote on the proposed action
64 does not occur at least 90 days before the end of the school
65 year ~~in writing.~~ The notice shall state in reasonable detail the
66 grounds for the proposed action and stipulate that the school's
67 governing board may, within 14 calendar days after receiving the
68 notice, request a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted by an
69 administrative law judge assigned by the Division of
70 Administrative Hearings. The hearing shall be conducted within
71 90 days after receipt of the request for a hearing and in
72 accordance with chapter 120. The administrative law judge's
73 final order shall be submitted to the sponsor. The
74 administrative law judge shall award the prevailing party
75 reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred during the

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76 | administrative proceeding and any appeals. The charter school's
77 | governing board may, within 30 calendar days after receiving the
78 | final order, appeal the decision pursuant to s. 120.68.

79 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.