

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 758  
INTRODUCER: Senator Diaz  
SUBJECT: Education  
DATE: March 9, 2022

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 496561**

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** maintains the Charter School Review Commission (CSRC) within Florida's Department of Education (DOE) to assist in the review and approval of charter school applications. But the amendment:

- Specifies that the CSRC is subject to an appropriation.
- Requires that the State Board of Education appoints the membership of the CSRC instead of the Commissioner of Education.
- Authorizes the DOE to contract with a college or university to provide administrative and technical assistance to the commission.

Additionally, the amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

- Authorizes any facility or land owned by a Florida College System institution or university, any similar public institutional facilities, and any facility recently used to house a school or child care facility, to provide space to charter schools under the facility's existing zoning and land use designations.
- Prohibits a charter school from being subject to land use regulations which would not be required of a public school, and authorizes a charter school to use a school district's interlocal agreement, including provisions relating to the extension of infrastructure.
- Provides that an interlocal agreement or ordinance which imposes a greater regulatory burden on a charter school is void and unenforceable.
- Specifies that a charter sponsor may not charge or withhold an administrative fee against a charter school for any funds specifically allocated for teacher compensation.
- Modifies the requirements whereby charter school facilities are used to mitigate the impact of development to require that a proportionate share of the costs per student station of educational impact fees be designated for the construction of charter school facilities created for a specified purpose.
- Specifies that an entity that contributes toward the construction of a charter school to mitigate the impact of development must receive a credit toward any impact fees not already credited.

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- Creates the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation at Miami Dade College to improve charter school authorizing practices in Florida.
  - Expands the current authorization for district school board members or charter school governing board members to visit schools under their jurisdiction to specify that any member of the legislature may visit any public school in the legislative district of the member.
  - Modifies the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation in the FEFP to require that if a school district has not received its allocation due to its failure to submit an approved district salary distribution plan, the district school board must provide to each charter school within its district that has submitted a salary distribution plan its proportionate share of the allocation.