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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Woodson offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 63 and 64, insert:

Section 2. Subsection (28) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (29), and a new subsection (28) is added to that section to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.—

(28) CONVERSION TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL.—

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a charter school that receives public funds may not convert to a private school unless such charter school repays the total amount of public funds, adjusted for inflation, that the charter

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14 school has received before the charter school converts to a
15 private school.

16 (b) Before converting to a private school, a charter
17 school must submit a repayment plan to the appropriate state or
18 local education agency for approval. The repayment must include:

19 1. A detailed accounting of the total amount of public
20 funds received by the charter school, adjusted for inflation.

21 2. A proposed repayment schedule, not to exceed 5 years
22 from the date of approval of the plan.

23 3. A description of the financial resources and means by
24 which the charter school will repay the public funds.

25 4. Any other information deemed necessary by the state or
26 local education agency.

27 (c) The state or local education agency shall review the
28 repayment plan and may approve or reject the plan based on the
29 feasibility and completeness of the proposal. The charter school
30 may not convert to a private school until the repayment plan is
31 approved and the total amount of public funds, adjusted for
32 inflation, that the charter school has received has been repaid.

33 (d) The state or local education agency shall monitor and
34 take appropriate actions to enforce this subsection.

35 (e) A charter school found to be in violation of this
36 subsection is subject to the following penalties:

37 1. The revocation of its charter.

38 2. The withholding of public funds.

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39 3. The recovery of public funds previously allocated to
40 the charter school, including interest.

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44 Remove line 4 and insert:
45 act; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring charter
46 schools to meet certain requirements to convert to
47 private school; providing requirements for state or
48 local education agencies; providing penalties;
49 amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; deleting obsolete

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