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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Burton) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 49 and 50

insert:

(17) FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a charter school, regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are in a basic program or a special program, the same as students enrolled in other public schools in a school district. Funding for a charter lab school shall be as provided in s. 1002.32.

(e) Sponsors shall make timely and efficient payment and



11 reimbursement to charter schools, including processing paperwork
12 required to access special state and federal funding for which
13 they may be eligible, including the timely review and
14 reimbursement of federal grant funds. Payments of funds under
15 paragraph (b) must ~~shall~~ be made monthly or twice a month,
16 beginning with the start of the sponsor's fiscal year. Each
17 payment must ~~shall~~ be one-twelfth, or one twenty-fourth, as
18 applicable, of the total state and local funds described in
19 paragraph (b) and adjusted as set forth therein. For the first 2
20 years of a charter school's operation, if a minimum of 75
21 percent of the projected enrollment is entered into the
22 sponsor's student information system by the first day of the
23 current month, the sponsor must ~~shall~~ distribute funds to the
24 school for the months of July through October based on the
25 projected full-time equivalent student membership of the charter
26 school as submitted in the approved application. If less than 75
27 percent of the projected enrollment is entered into the
28 sponsor's student information system by the first day of the
29 current month, the sponsor must ~~shall~~ base payments on the
30 actual number of student enrollment entered into the sponsor's
31 student information system. Thereafter, the results of full-time
32 equivalent student membership surveys must ~~shall~~ be used in
33 adjusting the amount of funds distributed monthly to the charter
34 school for the remainder of the fiscal year. The payments must
35 ~~shall~~ be issued no later than 10 working days after the sponsor
36 receives a distribution of state or federal funds or the date
37 the payment is due pursuant to this subsection. With respect to
38 federal grant funds submitted for reimbursement, the sponsor
39 shall have 60 days after the date of the submittal to fund them,



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40 if the submittal provides all the necessary information to
41 qualify for reimbursement. If a warrant for payment is not
42 issued within 10 working days after receipt of funding by the
43 sponsor, or within 60 days after an approved submittal for the
44 reimbursement of federal grant funds, the sponsor must ~~shall~~ pay
45 to the charter school, in addition to the amount of the
46 scheduled disbursement, interest at a rate of 1 percent per
47 month calculated on a daily basis on the unpaid balance from the
48 expiration of the 10 working days until such time as the warrant
49 is issued. The district school board may not delay payment to a
50 charter school of any portion of the funds provided in paragraph
51 (b) based on the timing of receipt of local funds by the
52 district school board.

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54 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====
55 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

56 Delete line 16
57 and insert:
58 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (10), paragraph (e)
59 of subsection (17), paragraph (a)

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61 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete line 4
64 and insert:
65 enrollment preference for charter schools; revising
66 requirements relating to the funding of students
67 enrolled in charter schools and reimbursement of such
68 funds by the sponsor; specifying