



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6681**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER RENEWAL IN CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsections (e) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-66bb of the  
2       general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3       thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4       (e) An application for the establishment of a local charter school  
5       shall be submitted to the local or regional board of education of the  
6       school district in which the local charter school is to be located for  
7       approval pursuant to this subsection. The local or regional board of  
8       education shall: (1) Review the application; (2) hold a public hearing in  
9       the school district on such application; (3) survey teachers and parents  
10      in the school district to determine if there is sufficient interest in the  
11      establishment and operation of the local charter school; and (4) vote on  
12      a complete application not later than sixty days after the date of receipt  
13      of such application. Such board of education may approve the  
14      application by a majority vote of the members of the board present and  
15      voting at a regular or special meeting of the board called for such  
16      purpose. If the application is approved, the board shall forward the  
17      application to the State Board of Education. The State Board of  
18      Education shall vote on the application not later than seventy-five days  
19      after the date of receipt of such application. Subject to the provisions of

20 subsection (c) of this section, the State Board of Education may  
21 approve the application and grant the charter for the local charter  
22 school or reject such application by a majority vote of the members of  
23 the state board present and voting at a regular or special meeting of  
24 the state board called for such purpose. The State Board of Education  
25 may condition the opening of such school on the school's meeting  
26 certain conditions determined by the Commissioner of Education to be  
27 necessary and may authorize the commissioner to release the charter  
28 when the commissioner determines such conditions are met. The state  
29 board may grant the initial charter for the local charter school for a  
30 period of time of up to five years and may allow the applicant to delay  
31 its opening for a period of up to one school year in order for the  
32 applicant to fully prepare to provide appropriate instructional services.

33 (f) An application for the establishment of a state charter school  
34 shall be (1) submitted to the State Board of Education for approval in  
35 accordance with the provisions of this subsection, and (2) filed with the  
36 local or regional board of education in the school district in which the  
37 charter school is to be located. The state board shall: (A) Review such  
38 application; (B) hold a public hearing on such application in the school  
39 district in which such state charter school is to be located; (C) solicit  
40 and review comments on the application from the local or regional  
41 board of education for the school district in which such charter school  
42 is to be located and from the local or regional boards of education for  
43 school districts that are contiguous to the district in which such school  
44 is to be located; and (D) vote on a complete application not later than  
45 seventy-five days after the date of receipt of such application. The State  
46 Board of Education may approve an application and grant the charter  
47 for the state charter school by a majority vote of the members of the  
48 state board present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the  
49 state board called for such purpose. The State Board of Education may  
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53 when the commissioner determines such conditions are met. Charters

