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AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-66bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) [On and after July 1, 1997, the] The State Board of Education may
4 grant, within available appropriations, charters for local and state
5 charter schools in accordance with this section.

6 (b) Any person, association, corporation, organization or other
7 entity, public or independent institution of higher education, local or
8 regional board of education or two or more boards of education
9 cooperatively, or regional educational service center may apply to the
10 Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner as the
11 commissioner prescribes, to establish a charter school, provided no
12 nonpublic elementary or secondary school may be established as a
13 charter school and no parent or group of parents providing home
14 instruction may establish a charter school for such instruction.

15 (c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all

16 applications and grant charters in accordance with subsection (f) of
17 this section. (1) Except as provided for in [subdivision (2)] subdivisions
18 (2) and (3) of this subsection, no state charter school shall enroll (A) (i)
19 more than two hundred fifty students, or (ii) in the case of a
20 kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than three
21 hundred students, or (B) twenty-five per cent of the enrollment of the
22 school district in which the state charter school is to be located,
23 whichever is less. (2) In the case of a state charter school found by the
24 State Board of Education to have a demonstrated record of
25 achievement, such school may, upon application to and approval by
26 said board, enroll up to eighty-five students per grade, if within
27 available appropriations. The State Board of Education shall give
28 preference to applicants for charter schools that will serve students
29 who reside in a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p or
30 in a district in which seventy-five per cent or more of the enrolled
31 students are members of racial or ethnic minorities and to applicants
32 for state charter schools that will be located at a work-site or that are
33 institutions of higher education. In determining whether to grant a
34 charter, the State Board of Education shall consider the effect of the
35 proposed charter school on the reduction of racial, ethnic and
36 economic isolation in the region in which it is to be located, the
37 regional distribution of charter schools in the state and the potential of
38 over-concentration of charter schools within a school district or in
39 contiguous school districts. (3) (A) For the 2007-2008 school year, the
40 State Board of Education shall approve the enrollment of not fewer
41 than six hundred sixty students in addition to the number of students
42 permitted pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection at
43 state charter schools with initial charters approved on or before July 1,
44 2007. Not later than July 1, 2007, such schools shall submit plans
45 concerning increased enrollment to the State Board of Education. The
46 increased enrollment numbers per school shall be determined in
47 accordance with such plans. (B) For the 2008-2009 school year, the State
48 Board of Education shall approve the enrollment of not fewer than five
49 hundred ninety students in addition to the number of students

50 permitted pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, at
51 state charter schools with initial charters approved on or before July 1,
52 2008. Not later than July 1, 2008, such schools shall submit plans
53 concerning increased enrollment to the State Board of Education. The
54 increased enrollment numbers per school shall be determined in
55 accordance with such plans.

56 (d) Applications pursuant to this section shall include a description
57 of: (1) The mission, purpose and any specialized focus of the proposed
58 charter school; (2) the interest in the community for the establishment
59 of the charter school; (3) the school governance and procedures for the
60 establishment of a governing council that (A) includes teachers and
61 parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school, and (B) is
62 responsible for the oversight of charter school operations, provided no
63 member or employee of the governing council may have a personal or
64 financial interest in the assets, real or personal, of the school; (4) the
65 financial plan for operation of the school, provided no application fees
66 or other fees for attendance, except as provided in section 10-66ee, may
67 be charged; (5) the educational program, instructional methodology
68 and services to be offered to students; (6) the number and
69 qualifications of teachers and administrators to be employed in the
70 school; (7) the organization of the school in terms of the ages or grades
71 to be taught and the total estimated enrollment of the school; (8) the
72 student admission criteria and procedures to (A) ensure effective
73 public information, (B) ensure open access on a space available basis,
74 (C) promote a diverse student body, and (D) ensure that the school
75 complies with the provisions of section 10-15c and that it does not
76 discriminate on the basis of disability, athletic performance or
77 proficiency in the English language, provided the school may limit
78 enrollment to a particular grade level or specialized educational focus
79 and, if there is not space available for all students seeking enrollment,
80 the school may give preference to siblings but shall otherwise
81 determine enrollment by a lottery; (9) a means to assess student
82 performance that includes participation in state-wide mastery
83 examinations pursuant to chapter 163c; (10) procedures for teacher

84 evaluation and professional development for teachers and
85 administrators; (11) the provision of school facilities, pupil
86 transportation and student health and welfare services; (12)
87 procedures to encourage involvement by parents and guardians of
88 enrolled students in student learning, school activities and school
89 decision-making; (13) document efforts to increase the racial and
90 ethnic diversity of staff; and (14) a five-year plan to sustain the
91 maintenance and operation of the school. Subject to the provisions of
92 subsection (b) of section 10-66dd, an application may include, or a
93 charter school may file, requests to waive provisions of the general
94 statutes and regulations not required by sections 10-66aa to 10-66ff,
95 inclusive, and which are within the jurisdiction of the State Board of
96 Education.

97 (e) An application for the establishment of a local charter school
98 shall be submitted to the local or regional board of education of the
99 school district in which the local charter school is to be located for
100 approval pursuant to this subsection. The local or regional board of
101 education shall: (1) Review the application; (2) hold a public hearing in
102 the school district on such application; (3) survey teachers and parents
103 in the school district to determine if there is sufficient interest in the
104 establishment and operation of the local charter school; and (4) vote on
105 a complete application not later than sixty days after the date of receipt
106 of such application. Such board of education may approve the
107 application by a majority vote of the members of the board present and
108 voting at a regular or special meeting of the board called for such
109 purpose. If the application is approved, the board shall forward the
110 application to the State Board of Education. The State Board of
111 Education shall vote on the application not later than seventy-five days
112 after the date of receipt of such application. Subject to the provisions of
113 subsection (c) of this section, the State Board of Education may
114 approve the application and grant the charter for the local charter
115 school or reject such application by a majority vote of the members of
116 the state board present and voting at a regular or special meeting of
117 the state board called for such purpose. The State Board of Education

118 may condition the opening of such school on the school's meeting
119 certain conditions determined by the Commissioner of Education to be
120 necessary and may authorize the commissioner to release the charter
121 when the commissioner determines such conditions are met. The state
122 board may grant the charter for the local charter school for a period of
123 time of up to five years and may allow the applicant to delay its
124 opening for a period of up to one school year in order for the applicant
125 to fully prepare to provide appropriate instructional services.

126 (f) Annually on or before July fifteenth, the State Board of Education
127 shall issue a request for proposals to solicit charter applications from
128 any interested person, association, corporation, organization or other
129 entity, public or independent institution of higher education, local or
130 regional board of education or two or more boards of education
131 cooperatively, or regional educational service center. Any such person
132 or entity may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at such time
133 and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes within the request
134 for proposals, to establish a charter school. An application for the
135 establishment of a state charter school shall be (1) submitted to the
136 State Board of Education for approval in accordance with the
137 provisions of this subsection and any requirements stated in the
138 request for proposals, and (2) filed with the local or regional board of
139 education in the school district in which the charter school is to be
140 located. The state board shall: (A) Review such application; (B) hold a
141 public hearing on such application in the school district in which such
142 state charter school is to be located; (C) solicit and review comments on
143 the application from the local or regional board of education for the
144 school district in which such charter school is to be located and from
145 the local or regional boards of education for school districts that are
146 contiguous to the district in which such school is to be located; and (D)
147 vote on a complete application not later than [seventy-five days after
148 the date of receipt of such application] December fifteenth. The State
149 Board of Education may approve an application and grant the charter
150 for the state charter school by a majority vote of the members of the
151 state board present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the

152 state board called for such purpose. The State Board of Education may
153 condition the opening of such school on the school's meeting certain
154 conditions determined by the Commissioner of Education to be
155 necessary and may authorize the commissioner to release the charter
156 when the commissioner determines such conditions are met. Charters
157 shall be granted for a period of time of up to five years and may allow
158 the applicant to delay its opening for a period of up to one school year
159 in order for the applicant to fully prepare to provide appropriate
160 instructional services.

161 (g) Annually on or before July fifteenth, the State Board of
162 Education shall issue a request for proposals to solicit charter
163 applications for existing charter school operators for additional site
164 charters to operate an additional school or schools. Only persons,
165 associations, corporations, organizations or other entities, public or
166 independent institutions of higher education, local or regional boards
167 of education, or cooperatives between local or regional boards of
168 education, or regional educational service centers currently operating
169 an existing charter school may apply for an additional site charter. An
170 application for the establishment of an additional site charter school or
171 schools shall be (1) submitted to the State Board of Education for
172 approval in accordance with the provisions of this subsection and any
173 requirements stated in the request for proposals, and (2) filed with the
174 local or regional board of education in the school district in which the
175 additional site charter school or schools shall be located. The State
176 Board of Education shall: (A) Review such application; (B) hold a
177 public hearing on such application in the school district in which such
178 additional site state charter school shall be located; (C) solicit and
179 review comments on the application from the local or regional board
180 of education for the school district in which such additional site charter
181 school or schools shall be located and from the local or regional boards
182 of education for school districts that are contiguous to the district in
183 which such additional site charter school or schools shall be located;
184 and (D) vote on a complete application not later than December
185 fifteenth. The State Board of Education may only grant an additional

186 site charter to any existing charter school operator operating a charter
187 school that has received a progress report rating of an "A" and a
188 quality review rating score of "1" on its ratings according to the State
189 Department of Education's charter school accountability system for
190 two or more consecutive years immediately prior to the application for
191 the additional site charter, or received comparable ratings for two
192 consecutive years immediately prior to the application for the
193 additional site charter under the accountability system in the state in
194 which the charter school operates in accordance with the provisions of
195 section 10-66cc, as amended by this act. The State Board of Education
196 may approve an application and grant the charter for the additional
197 site state charter school or schools by a majority vote of the members of
198 the state board present and voting at a regular or special meeting of
199 the state board called for such purpose. The State Board of Education
200 may condition the opening of such additional site school or schools on
201 the schools or the charter school operator's meeting certain conditions
202 determined by the Commissioner of Education to be necessary and
203 may authorize the commissioner to release the charter when the
204 commissioner determines such conditions are met. Charters may be
205 granted for a period of time of up to five years, and for up to five
206 additional site schools. In considering whether to grant an additional
207 site charter to any existing charter school operator, the State Board of
208 Education shall give preference in granting additional site charters to
209 existing charter school operators who have a demonstrated record of
210 performance in raising test scores, with particular consideration being
211 given to performance gains in test scores for black and Hispanic
212 students, economically disadvantaged students, students with
213 disabilities and English language learners.

214 [g] (h) Charters may be renewed, upon application, in accordance
215 with the provisions of this section for the granting of such charters.
216 Upon application for such renewal, the State Board of Education may
217 commission an independent appraisal of the performance of the
218 charter school that includes, but is not limited to, an evaluation of the
219 school's compliance with the provisions of this section. The State Board

220 of Education shall consider the results of any such appraisal in
221 determining whether to renew such charter. The State Board of
222 Education may deny an application for the renewal of a charter if (1)
223 student progress has not been sufficiently demonstrated, as
224 determined by the commissioner, (2) the governing council has not
225 been sufficiently responsible for the operation of the school or has
226 misused or spent public funds in a manner that is detrimental to the
227 educational interests of the students attending the charter school, or (3)
228 the school has not been in compliance with applicable laws and
229 regulations. If the State Board of Education does not renew a charter, it
230 shall notify the governing council of the charter school of the reasons
231 for such nonrenewal.

232 [(h)] (i) The Commissioner of Education may at any time place a
233 charter school on probation if (1) the school has failed to (A)
234 adequately demonstrate student progress, as determined by the
235 commissioner, or achieve a progress report rating of "C" or higher and
236 a quality review of "3" or higher in accordance with the provisions of
237 section 10-66cc, as amended by this act, (B) comply with the terms of
238 its charter or with applicable laws and regulations, (C) achieve
239 measurable progress in reducing racial, ethnic and economic isolation,
240 or (D) maintain its nonsectarian status, or (2) the governing council has
241 demonstrated an inability to provide effective leadership to oversee
242 the operation of the charter school or has not ensured that public funds
243 are expended prudently or in a manner required by law. If a charter
244 school is placed on probation, the commissioner shall provide written
245 notice to the charter school of the reasons for such placement, not later
246 than five days after the placement, and shall require the charter school
247 to file with the Department of Education a corrective action plan
248 acceptable to the commissioner not later than thirty-five days from the
249 date of such placement. The charter school shall implement a
250 corrective action plan accepted by the commissioner not later than
251 thirty days after the date of such acceptance. The commissioner may
252 impose any additional terms of probation on the school that the
253 commissioner deems necessary to protect the educational or financial

254 interests of the state. The charter school shall comply with any such
255 additional terms not later than thirty days after the date of their
256 imposition. The commissioner shall determine the length of time of the
257 probationary period, which may be up to one year, provided the
258 commissioner may extend such period, for up to one additional year, if
259 the commissioner deems it necessary. In the event that the charter
260 school does not file or implement the corrective action plan within the
261 required time period or does not comply with any additional terms
262 within the required time period, the Commissioner of Education may
263 withhold grant funds from the school until the plan is fully
264 implemented or the school complies with the terms of probation,
265 provided the commissioner may extend the time period for such
266 implementation and compliance for good cause shown. Whenever a
267 charter school is placed on probation, the commissioner shall notify the
268 parents or guardians of students attending the school of the
269 probationary status of the school and the reasons for such status.
270 During the term of probation, the commissioner may require the
271 school to file interim reports concerning any matter the commissioner
272 deems relevant to the probationary status of the school, including
273 financial reports or statements. No charter school on probation may
274 increase its student enrollment or engage in the recruitment of new
275 students without the consent of the commissioner.

276 [(i)] (j) The State Board of Education may revoke a charter if a
277 charter school has failed to: (1) Comply with the terms of probation,
278 including the failure to file or implement a corrective action plan; (2)
279 demonstrate satisfactory student progress, as determined by the
280 commissioner; (3) comply with the terms of its charter or applicable
281 laws and regulations; [or] (4) manage its public funds in a prudent or
282 legal manner; or (5) for three consecutive years, receive a progress
283 report rating of "C" or higher and a quality review rating of "3" or
284 higher in accordance with the provisions of section 10-66cc, as
285 amended by this act. Unless an emergency exists, prior to revoking a
286 charter, the State Board of Education shall provide the governing
287 council of the charter school with a written notice of the reasons for the

288 revocation, including the identification of specific incidents of
289 noncompliance with the law, regulation or charter or other matters
290 warranting revocation of the charter. It shall also provide the
291 governing council with the opportunity to demonstrate compliance
292 with all requirements for the retention of its charter by providing the
293 State Board of Education or a subcommittee of the board, as
294 determined by the State Board of Education, with a written or oral
295 presentation. Such presentation shall include an opportunity for the
296 governing council to present documentary and testimonial evidence to
297 refute the facts cited by the State Board of Education for the proposed
298 revocation or in justification of its activities. Such opportunity shall not
299 constitute a contested case within the meaning of chapter 54. The State
300 Board of Education shall determine, not later than thirty days after the
301 date of an oral presentation or receipt of a written presentation,
302 whether and when the charter shall be revoked and notify the
303 governing council of the decision and the reasons therefor. A decision
304 to revoke a charter shall not constitute a final decision for purposes of
305 chapter 54. In the event an emergency exists in which the
306 commissioner finds that there is imminent harm to the students
307 attending a charter school, the State Board of Education may
308 immediately revoke the charter of the school, provided the notice
309 concerning the reasons for the revocation is sent to the governing
310 council not later than ten days after the date of revocation and the
311 governing council is provided an opportunity to make a presentation
312 to the board not later than twenty days from the date of such notice.

313 Sec. 2. Section 10-66cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

315 (a) The governing council of a charter school shall submit annually,
316 to the Commissioner of Education, a school profile as described in
317 subsection (c) of section 10-220.

318 [(b) The governing council of each charter school shall submit
319 annually, to the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such

320 manner as the commissioner prescribes, and, in the case of a local
321 charter school, to the local or regional board of education for the school
322 district in which the school is located, a report on the condition of the
323 school, including (1) the educational progress of students in the school,
324 (2) the financial condition of the school, including a certified audit
325 statement of all revenues and expenditures, (3) accomplishment of the
326 mission, purpose and any specialized focus of the charter school, (4)
327 the racial and ethnic composition of the student body and efforts taken
328 to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body, and (5)
329 best practices employed by the school that contribute significantly to
330 the academic success of students.]

331 (b) Not later than February 1, 2008, the Department of Education, in
332 consultation with representatives of state charter schools, shall develop
333 guidelines for a charter school accountability system. The
334 accountability system shall include two components, (1) a progress
335 report component, as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, and
336 (2) a quality review component, as provided for in subsection (c) of
337 this section. The charter school accountability guidelines shall be made
338 available to charter schools and the public not later than April 1, 2008.
339 For the 2008-2009 school year and each school year thereafter, the
340 Department of Education shall apply the accountability system criteria
341 to each charter school. The department shall release initial ratings
342 based on the application of the accountability system criteria not later
343 than December 1, 2010, and for each subsequent evaluation period, not
344 later than each December first thereafter. Charter school accountability
345 ratings shall be made available by the Department of Education and
346 also by each charter school to the public upon request. Annually,
347 charter schools shall be required to publish the accountability ratings
348 to parents of students attending charter schools.

349 (c) The progress report component of the Department of Education's
350 accountability system shall provide for each charter school to be
351 measured on an annual basis by the department based on measurable
352 improvements in individual student's performance on standardized

353 tests in accordance with the provisions of section 10-14n, and by other
354 objective measures as determined appropriate by the State Board of
355 Education. The progress reports for charter schools serving students in
356 grades nine to twelve, inclusive, may include analysis of graduation
357 rates and rates of enrollment in post-secondary institutions of higher
358 education. Based on the accountability criteria described in this
359 subsection, the department shall award each charter school a specific
360 rating, either an A, B, C, D or F. A rating of "A" shall be considered the
361 highest rating and may only be awarded if the charter school meets the
362 requirements provided for in the No Child Left Behind Act, P. L. 107-
363 110, concerning adequate yearly progress, and a rating of "F" shall be
364 considered the lowest rating. In assigning the rating to each charter
365 school, the department shall consider a more favorable rating for a
366 charter school with a demonstrated record of measurable gains for
367 students classified as English language learners, students with
368 disabilities and students who scored below the department's state-
369 wide goal on a prior administration of an examination in accordance
370 with the provisions of section 10-14n. Each charter school shall be
371 assessed against the state-wide average on such criteria, against the
372 average scores of the school district in which the charter school is
373 located, and against scores for schools with similar demographic
374 characteristics, as determined by the department.

375 (d) The quality review component of the Department of Education's
376 accountability system shall provide for each charter school to be
377 measured on an annual basis by the department based on (1) the
378 financial condition of the school, including a certified audit statement
379 of all revenues and expenditures, (2) accomplishment of the mission,
380 purpose and any specialized focus of the charter school, (3) the racial
381 and ethnic composition of the student body and efforts taken to
382 increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body, (4) best
383 practices employed by the school that contribute significantly to the
384 academic success of students, and (5) other measures as determined
385 appropriate by the State Board of Education. The process for quality
386 review shall include a requirement that each charter school conduct an

387 in-depth self-evaluation in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner
388 of Education, addressing the criteria for evaluation provided for in this
389 subsection. As part of the review process, the department shall survey
390 each staff member and student of charter schools, and the parent or
391 guardian of each such student. The survey shall include questions
392 based on the criteria set forth in subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of
393 this subsection. The department shall annually publish the results of
394 such survey. Based on the accountability criteria described in this
395 subsection, the department shall award each charter school a specific
396 quality review rating, consisting of a 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. A rating score of "1"
397 shall be considered the highest rating, and a rating score of "5" the
398 lowest.

399 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
400 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
401 *1, 2007*):

402 (c) (1) The state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
403 fiscal authority for a state charter school [, for the fiscal year ending
404 June 30, 2006, seven thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars for each
405 student enrolled in such school, and for the fiscal year ending June 30,
406 2007, and for each fiscal year thereafter, eight thousand dollars]
407 approved by the state board, for each student enrolled in such school
408 an amount equal to the state-wide net current expenditures per
409 student as described in subdivision (3) of this subsection for the
410 previous year increased by the amount of the average annual increase
411 in the state-wide net current expenditures per student over the
412 previous three years, plus an amount that is the average of all state
413 charter schools' per student facilities expenditure for the previous year,
414 as determined by the Commissioner of Education on an annual basis,
415 less an amount determined by the Commissioner of Education on an
416 annual basis to be the average costs paid during the previous year on a
417 state-wide basis by local and regional boards of education for special
418 education costs in excess of the average per pupil educational costs of
419 such boards of education. Such payments shall be made as follows:

420 Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July fifteenth and
421 September fifteenth based on estimated student enrollment on May
422 first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than January
423 fifteenth and the remaining amount not later than April fifteenth, each
424 based on student enrollment on October first. If, for any fiscal year, the
425 total amount appropriated for grants pursuant to this subdivision
426 exceeds [eight thousand dollars per student] the per student grant
427 calculated pursuant to this subdivision, the amount of such grants
428 payable per student shall be increased proportionately, except that
429 such per student increase shall not exceed seventy dollars. Any
430 amount of such appropriation remaining after such per student
431 increase shall be used by the Department of Education for
432 supplemental grants to interdistrict magnet schools pursuant to
433 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-264l. [For the fiscal year
434 ending June 30, 2005, such increase shall be limited to one hundred ten
435 dollars per student.] (2) In the case of a student identified as requiring
436 special education, the school district in which the student resides shall:
437 (A) Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student
438 and shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate
439 in such meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly
440 basis, an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
441 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
442 state charter school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
443 subsection and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
444 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district
445 shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The
446 charter school a student requiring special education attends shall be
447 responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services
448 mandated by the student's individualized education program whether
449 such services are provided by the charter school or by the school
450 district in which the student resides. (3) For purposes of subdivision
451 (1) of this subsection, "net current expenditures per student" means the
452 average of the net current expenditures of a town, as described in
453 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, divided by the

454 number of resident students of a town, as described in subdivision (22)
455 of section 10-262f. The "state-wide net current expenditures per
456 student" means the average of the net current expenditures per student
457 of all towns.

458 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
459 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
460 *1, 2007*):

461 (f) The local or regional board of education of the school district in
462 which the charter school is located shall provide transportation
463 services for students of the charter school who reside in such school
464 district pursuant to section 10-273a unless the charter school makes
465 other arrangements for such transportation. Any local or regional
466 board of education [may] shall provide transportation services to a
467 student attending a charter school outside of the district in which the
468 student resides and [, if it elects to provide such transportation,] shall
469 be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-266m for the reasonable costs of
470 such transportation. Any local or regional board of education
471 providing transportation services under this subsection may suspend
472 such services in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c. [The
473 parent or guardian of any student denied the transportation services
474 required to be provided pursuant to this subsection may appeal such
475 denial in the manner provided in sections 10-186 and 10-187.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-66bb
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-66cc
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-66ee(c)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-66ee(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow for an increase in charter school enrollments for existing charter schools, to provide for a new per student funding formula for charter schools, to provide for a new accountability system for charter

schools and for expansion of existing charter schools to new sites and to require boards of education to transport students to charter schools outside of the district.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]