



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6616

LCO No. 4881



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR FUNDING A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) There is established an
2 account to be known as the charter school approval grant account which
3 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The
4 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
5 account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner
6 of Education for the purpose of providing grants under section 10-66ee
7 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to a local or state charter
8 school that has been granted an initial certificate for approval for a
9 charter pursuant to section 10-66bb of the general statutes, as amended
10 by this act, in the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in
11 which such initial certificate for approval for a charter was granted.

12 Sec. 2. Section 10-66ee of the general statutes is amended by adding
13 subsection (o) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

14 (NEW) (o) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this
15 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be deposited

16 in the charter school approval grant account, established pursuant to
17 section 1 of this act, and shall be available for expenditure during the
18 next fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of said section.

19 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
21 *2021*):

22 (a) (1) On and after July 1, 1997, and prior to July 1, 2015, the State
23 Board of Education may grant charters for local and state charter schools
24 in accordance with this section. On and after July 1, 2015, such state
25 board may grant initial certificates of approval for charters for local and
26 state charter schools in accordance with this section. Upon granting an
27 initial certificate of approval for a charter, such state board shall submit
28 a copy of the initial certificate of approval for the charter and a summary
29 of the comments made at a public hearing conducted pursuant to
30 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section or subparagraph (B)(ii)
31 of subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this section, in accordance with
32 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
33 having cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations
34 and the budgets of state agencies.

35 (2) [The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the Department
36 of Education for the purposes of providing grants to local and state
37 charter schools, pursuant to section 10-66ee. If such funds are
38 appropriated, an initial certificate of approval for a charter for a local or
39 state charter school shall be effective and deemed a charter as of July
40 first of the first fiscal year for which such funds are appropriated.] The
41 General Assembly may appropriate funds to the charter school
42 approval grant account, pursuant to section 1 of this act, for the
43 purposes of providing grants, pursuant to section 10-66ee, as amended
44 by this act, to local and state charter schools that have been granted an
45 initial certificate of approval for a charter. The Commissioner of
46 Education shall expend such funds in the fiscal year immediately
47 following the fiscal year in which such initial certificate for approval for
48 a charter was granted, and such initial certificate of approval for a

49 charter shall be effective and deemed a charter as of July first of the fiscal
50 year for which such funds are expended.

51 (3) A charter or initial certificate of approval for a charter granted
52 under this section shall not be considered a license, as defined in section
53 4-166, for the purposes of chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ee
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66bb(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a charter school approval grant account for the purpose of funding new charter schools.

[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.]