

1 **SHB 2910** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5246.1) **361 WITHDRAWN 2-27-96**

2 By Representative Carlson

3 On page 12, after line 23 of the amendment, insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (1) In
6 addition to the process prescribed in this act for establishing
7 charter schools, a school district board of directors may apply to
8 an educational service district board to receive approval for the
9 school district to be designated a charter school district.
10 Charter school districts are exempt from all state education
11 statutes and rules relating to school districts except as provided
12 in this section and in the charter school district's approved
13 charter.

14 (2) A school district board of directors that is interested
15 in having its school district be designated a charter school
16 district shall submit a written application to the educational
17 service district in which the school district is located. The
18 application shall include:

19 (a) A statement of the goals and mission of the school
20 district;

21 (b) A statement affirming that the school district has met or
22 is prepared to meet the requirements of section 4 (2) of this act;

23 (c) Evidence of community support for being designated a
24 charter school district, and the steps taken to solicit public
25 input on the application;

26 (d) A description of the academic performance standards that
27 will be expected of students;

28 (e) A description of the school district's educational
29 program and curriculum, which must be designed to enable each
30 student to achieve the academic performance standards;

1 (f) A description of the assessment methods that will be used
2 to measure student academic performance, and the corrective actions
3 that will be taken in the event that student performance falls
4 short of such standards;

5 (g) A listing of state statutes and regulations with which
6 the school district will comply; and

7 (h) Other information as determined by the superintendent of
8 the educational service district.

9 (3) The educational service district board shall approve or
10 deny an application under this section based on a determination
11 that the school district has met the requirements of this section
12 and will be in compliance with section 4 (2) of this act. However,
13 an educational service district shall not approve more than one
14 charter school district. If multiple applications are submitted,
15 the educational service district board of directors shall be given
16 discretion in deciding which application to approve.

17 (4) A charter application approved by the educational service
18 district board shall constitute a charter. The length, renewal,
19 amendment, and revocation of school district charters shall be in
20 accordance with the requirements and criteria in sections 8 and 10
21 of this act. For purposes of these sections, the educational
22 service district board shall be considered the sponsor.

23 (5) State funding for charter school districts shall be the
24 same as with other school districts. However, charter school
25 districts shall not be required to comply with state statutory and
26 regulatory funding requirements and restrictions unless the
27 superintendent of public instruction finds that non-compliance with
28 the requirements and restrictions would likely lead to unacceptable
29 reductions in fiscal and financial accountability."

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31 Renumber remaining sections and correct internal references
32 accordingly.

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EFFECT: Allows each Educational Service District to approve one "Charter School District." Requirements for the establishment of charter school districts are specified.