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By Representative Conway

On page 21, beginning on line 24, strike all of sections 17 through 20 and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) This chapter applies to classified employees of charter schools created under chapter 28A.-- RCW (sections 1 through 16 and 23 of this act) as follows:
- (a) Notwithstanding RCW 41.56.060 and 41.56.070, the employees of a new charter school shall be members of an existing appropriate bargaining unit of employees of the school district in which the charter school is located.
- (b) At the time of creation of a conversion charter school, the employees of the charter school remain in the existing appropriate bargaining unit of employees of the school district in which the charter school is located.
- (2) If an applicant for a charter school or a charter school board requests one or more variances from a collective bargaining agreement that applies to a school district bargaining unit to address specific needs of the charter school and the employees of the charter school, the school district, in consultation with the applicant or charter school board, and the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit shall negotiate concerning the issues raised in the variance request.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. A new section is added to chapter 41.59 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) This chapter applies to educational employees of charter schools created under chapter 28A.-- RCW (sections 1 through 16 and 23 of this act) as follows:
- (a) Notwithstanding RCW 41.59.070 and 41.59.080, the employees of a new charter school shall be members of an existing appropriate

bargaining unit of employees of the school district in which the charter school is located.

- (b) At the time of creation of a conversion charter school, the employees of the charter school remain in the existing appropriate bargaining unit of employees of the school district in which the charter school is located.
- If an applicant for a charter school or a charter school board requests one or more variances from a collective bargaining agreement that applies to a school district bargaining unit to address specific needs of the charter school and the employees of the charter school, the school district, in consultation with the applicant or charter school board, and the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit shall negotiate concerning the issues raised in the variance request."

Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly. Correct the title.

EFFECT: The amendment requires, for certificated and classified school employees at a new charter school, that (1) the employees will be in existing school district bargaining units, and (2) if variances from collective bargaining agreements are requested by a charter school, the school district (in consultation with the charter school) and the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit must negotiate concerning the request. (The amendment also includes provisions from the underlying bill that apply similar requirements to conversion charter schools.)

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