

Recommendations for Statutory Changes

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Enrollment and Lottery NRS 386.580

- Problem: Enrollment preferences or lottery exemptions are only allowed for schools dedicated to serving at-risk pupils.
- Solution: Extend preferences/exemptions to all charter schools while maintaining safeguards already provided for in statute.
- Guidance: USED Non-Regulatory Guidance April, 2011 and NAPCS Model Law

Example NRS 386.580

2. Before a charter school enrolls pupils who are eligible for enrollment, a charter school ~~that is dedicated to providing educational programs and opportunities to pupils who are at risk may enroll a child who:~~
- (a) Is a sibling of a pupil who is currently enrolled in the charter school;
 - (b) Was enrolled, on the basis of a lottery system, in a prekindergarten program at the charter school or any other early childhood educational program affiliated with the charter school;
 - (c) Is a child of a person employed in a full-time position by the charter school, *or the child of a member of the committee to form the school or the child of a member of the school's governing body;*
 - (d) Is in a particular category of at-risk pupils and the child meets the eligibility for enrollment prescribed by the charter school for that particular category; **or**
 - (e) Resides within the school district and within 2 miles of the charter school if the charter school is located in an area that the sponsor of the charter school determines includes a high percentage of children who are at risk. If space is available after the charter school enrolls pupils pursuant to this paragraph, the charter school may enroll children who reside outside the school district but within 2 miles of the charter school if the charter school is located within an area that the sponsor determines includes a high percentage of children who are at risk.
 - ➡ If more pupils described in this subsection who are eligible apply for enrollment than the number of spaces available, the charter school shall determine which applicants to enroll pursuant to this subsection on the basis of a lottery system.

Revolving Loan Account for Charter Schools NRS 386.576

- Problem:
 - No capital available for committees to form in planning and opening charter schools
 - Short term loans are expensive. Cash flow hurdles.
 - Balance of \$0.00
 - \$25,000 cap (total in 1 year)
- Solution: Request an **Item for Special Consideration** to seed the account.

Clean-Up Definition of an EMO

NRS 386.562(2)

- Problem: Definition of an EMO is broad

EMO Under Existing NRS	EMO Under New Language?
Imagine Schools	Yes
K12, Inc	Yes
Academica Nevada	Yes
New America Schools	Yes
Connections Academy	Yes
Wishing Stone	Yes
CARE, LLC	No
Odyssey Business Services	No
AppleOne	No

Clean-Up Definition of an EMO

NRS 386.562(2)

- Governing bodies have specific duty to evaluate any EMO with which it contracts.
- Regulation requires EMO to provide annual financial report.
- Solution:
 - Adopt a NAPCS definition
 - An EMO means a for-profit education management organization, non-profit charter management organization, school design provider, or any other partner entity with which a charter school intends to contract for educational design, implementation, or comprehensive management.
 - Or, add *educational* to second sentence of existing definition...“that directly employs and provides ***educational*** personnel...”