

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
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Assembly Committee on Education

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

May 28, 2015

SENATE BILL 509 (Second Reprint)

Revises various changes to provisions governing charter schools. (BDR No. 34-1090)

Sponsored by: Senate Committee on Education
Date Heard: May 27, 2015
Fiscal Impact: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Senate Bill 509 revises provisions related to the employees and duties of the State Public Charter School Authority. Specifically, the bill:

- Makes various changes to the governance and staff structure of the Authority;
- Authorizes the Authority to adopt regulations related to the application and approval to form a charter school, and to enter into agreements with school districts and higher education institutions related to charter school sponsorship;
- Revises procedures related to the application to form a charter school, and authorizes an application to be submitted by a nonprofit "charter management organization";
- Revises actions that may be taken when a charter school persistently underperforms;
- Permits up to 40 percent of the former board members of a reconstituted charter school to be retained; and
- Includes other provisions related to the Authority, and the sponsorship and operation of charter schools.

This bill is effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing preparatory administrative tasks, and for the application of certain provisions to a reconstituted charter school. It is effective on January 1, 2020, for purposes related to charter contracts, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

Amendments:

- 1) A number of amendments were proposed by **Patrick Gavin** of the State Public Charter School Authority, and a copy of the submitted amendment follows this bill page. The amendment makes various technical and administrative changes to the bill.
- 2) An amendment has been proposed by Assemblyman Elliot Anderson that would limit the reconstitution of the governing body of a charter school and makes changes to the charter schools inclusion in the count of consecutive annual ratings. The amendment also clarifies the definition of a highly qualified teacher.