

Committee Action:

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Assembly Committee on Education

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

ASSEMBLY BILL 462

Prohibits the opening of a charter school for a prescribed period. (BDR S-1090)

Sponsored by: Assembly Committee on Education

Date Heard: April 4, 2019

Fiscal Impact: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

Assembly Bill 462 prohibits a charter school sponsor from accepting or approving an application to form a charter school or entering into a charter contract until January 1, 2021.

Amendments: The following amendments have been proposed:

1. Delete Section 1 of the bill, which would have have prohibited a charter school sponsor from accepting or approving an application to form a charter school or entering into a charter school contract until January 1, 2021;
2. Require the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) to prepare a five-year Growth Management Plan, specify the contents of the plan, require it to be reviewed biennially, and be submitted to the Legislative Committee on Education;
3. Require charter school sponsors to prepare, in conjunction with school districts where the proposed charter schools will be located; an evaluation of the academic needs of students in the area; further require charter school sponsors to provide to the school district any letter, notice of intent to submit, or submission of a charter school application;
4. Require site evaluations of each charter school campus, and include a requirement to identify performance deficiencies and plans for improvement;
5. Require initial site evaluations to be completed no later than June 30, 2020, and require the SPCSA to submit a report on the evaluations to the Legislative Committee on Education; and
6. Authorize the State Board of Education to approve a request from the SPCSA for an extension of time for completing the required site evaluations.

Assembly Bill No. 462 Proposed Amendment

Assembly Education Committee

Amend Assembly Bill No. 462 as follows:

- Delete section 1 of the bill.
- Require the State Public Charter School Authority to prepare a Growth Management Plan for Success which provides the status of existing charter schools and a 5-year projection of growth of charter schools. The plan must be developed in conjunction with school districts and in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Education. The Authority must conduct a biennial review of the plan and, if necessary, amend the plan.
- Require the Growth Management Plan for Success to include, without limitation:
 - The projected number of new charter schools for each year;
 - The projected number of additional campuses for existing charter schools;
 - The projected addition of grade levels or increase in enrollment for existing charter schools;
 - The number of charter contracts expiring each year and whether such contracts will be eligible for renewal;
 - Information on pupils, as required for the statewide system of accountability, including information related to all groups and all subgroups of pupils;
 - The information contained in the evaluation mandated by NRS 388A.220(5); and
 - Any other information that the State Public Charter School Authority will use to determine whether the addition of any new charter school or any expansion of an existing charter school will best serve pupils.
- Require the State Public Charter School Authority to submit the Growth Management Plan to the Legislative Committee on Education on or before January 1, 2020. Require the Legislative Committee on Education to hold a meeting in January 2020 on a date fixed by the Committee for the purpose of hearing a presentation from the State Public Charter School Authority on the Growth Management Plan submitted to the committee.
- Revise **NRS 388A.220(5)** to require the State Public Charter School Authority or a board of trustees of a school district or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that is approved to sponsor charter schools:
 - To prepare, in conjunction with school districts where proposed charter schools will be located and in collaboration with the Department, an evaluation of the academic needs of pupils in the geographic area where the proposed charter schools will be located. The evaluation will also include demographic information and information related to at-risk populations to ensure the best interest of pupils are served. The first evaluation must be completed no later than January 1, 2020 and thereafter, no later than January 1 of every even numbered year.

- To provide to school districts where proposed charter schools will be located and the Department, within 45 days:
 - The receipt of any letter or notice of intent to submit a charter school application, submission of any such application, and any approval of any charter school application. Such notice shall include the school year when the proposed school seeks to open, the proposed location of the charter school, the proposed grades served, and the approximate number of students to be served; and
 - Any charter contract amendment requests related to relocation, expansion of grade levels or increase in enrollment, or addition of new campuses.
- Revise **NRS 388A.223(e)**, which is related to site evaluations, to include conducting site evaluations of each charter school campus. The site evaluation must include the identification of any deficiencies related to the performance of the charter school and a plan to improve student achievement. The site evaluations must be completed the first, third and fifth year after the charter contract is entered into or renewed. However, the State Charter School Authority is authorized to conduct a short form evaluation the third year if the school has obtained a 4 or 5 star rating.
- Require initial site evaluations to be completed no later than June 30, 2020 and require the State Charter School Authority to submit a report regarding the site evaluations to the Legislative Committee on Education on or before June 30, 2020.
- Authorize the State Board of Education to approve a request from the State Charter School Authority to obtain an extension of time before the expiration of the period for completing the site evaluations.