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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 302B-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) to (c) to read as follows:
3 "(a) There is established a charter school administrative
4 office, which shall be attached to the department for
5 administrative purposes only. The office shall be administered
6 by an executive director, who shall be appointed without regard
7 to chapters 76 and 89 by [~~the board based upon the~~
8 ~~recommendations of~~] an organization of charter schools operating
9 within the State [~~or~~] from a list of nominees submitted by the
10 charter schools. The [~~board~~] organization of charter schools
11 may hire the executive director on a multi-year contract. The
12 executive director may hire necessary staff without regard to
13 chapters 76 and 89 to assist in the administration of the
14 office.
15 (b) The executive director, under the direction of the
16 [~~board~~] charter school organization and in consultation with the
17 charter schools, shall be responsible for the internal



1 organization, operation, and management of the charter school
2 system, including:

3 (1) Preparing and executing the budget for the charter
4 schools, including submission of the budget request to
5 the board, the governor, and the legislature;

6 (2) Allocating annual appropriations to the charter
7 schools and distribution of federal funds to charter
8 schools;

9 (3) Complying with applicable state laws related to the
10 administration of the charter schools;

11 (4) Preparing contracts between the charter schools and
12 the department for centralized services to be provided
13 by the department;

14 (5) Preparing contracts between the charter schools and
15 other state agencies for financial or personnel
16 services to be provided by the agencies to the charter
17 schools;

18 (6) Providing independent analysis and recommendations on
19 charter school issues;

20 (7) Representing charter schools and the charter school
21 system in communications with the board, the governor,
22 and the legislature;



- 1 (8) Providing advocacy, assistance, and support for the
2 development, growth, progress, and success of charter
3 schools and the charter school system;
- 4 (9) Providing guidance and assistance to charter
5 applicants and charter schools to enhance the
6 completeness and accuracy of information for board
7 review;
- 8 (10) Assisting charter applicants and charter schools in
9 coordinating their interactions with the board as
10 needed;
- 11 (11) Assisting the board to coordinate with charter schools
12 in board investigations and evaluations of charter
13 schools;
- 14 (12) Serving as the conduit to disseminate communications
15 from the board and department to all charter schools;
- 16 (13) Determining charter school system needs and
17 communicating [~~such~~] those needs [~~with~~] to the board
18 and department;
- 19 (14) Establishing a dispute resolution and mediation panel;
20 and
- 21 (15) Upon request by one or more charter schools, assisting
22 in the negotiation of a collective bargaining

1 agreement with the exclusive representative of its
2 employees.

3 (c) The executive director shall be evaluated annually by
4 the [~~board.~~] organization of charter schools."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Charter Schools; Executive Director

Description:

Authorizes the organization of charter schools within the State to appoint the executive director of the charter school administrative office. Removes the board of education's authority over the executive director, except as to the determination of salary.

