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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows: "(f) 3 The following individuals shall not be included in any appropriate bargaining unit or be entitled to coverage under 4 5 this chapter: 6 (1)Elected or appointed official; 7 (2) Member of any board or commission; provided that 8 nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a member of a 9 collective bargaining unit from serving on a governing 10 board of a charter school [, on the state public 11 charter school-commission,] or as a charter school 12 authorizer established under chapter 302D; Top-level managerial and administrative personnel, 13 (3) including the department head, deputy or assistant to 14 15 a department head, administrative officer, director, 16 or chief of a state or county agency or major 17 division, and legal counsel;

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1	(4)	Secretary to top-level managerial and administrative
2		personnel under paragraph (3);
3	(5)	Individual concerned with confidential matters
4		affecting employee-employer relations;
5	(6)	Part-time employee working less than twenty hours per
6		week, except part-time employees included in unit (5);
7	(7)	Temporary employee of three months' duration or less;
8	(8)	Employee of the executive office of the governor or a
9		household employee at Washington Place;
10	(9)	Employee of the executive office of the lieutenant
11		governor;
12	(10)	Employee of the executive office of the mayor;
13	(11)	Staff of the legislative branch of the State;
14	(12)	Staff of the legislative branches of the counties,
15		except employees of the clerks' offices of the
16		counties;
17	(13)	Any commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii
18		national guard;
19	(14)	Inmate, kokua, patient, ward, or student of a state
20		institution;
21	(15)	Student help;



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Staff of the Hawaii labor relations board; 1 (16)2 Employees of the Hawaii national guard youth challenge (17)3 academy; or (18) Employees of the office of elections." 4 SECTION 2. Section 89C-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended by amending the definition of "appropriate authority" to 6 7 read as follows: ""Appropriate authority" means the governor, the respective 8 9 mayors, the chief justice of the supreme court, the board of education, the board of regents, [the state public charter 10 11 school commission,] the Hawaii health systems corporation board, the auditor, the ombudsman, and the director of the legislative 12 reference bureau. These individuals or boards may make 13 14 adjustments for their respective excluded employees." 15 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1004.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 16 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 17 "[**+**]**\$302A-1004.5**[**+**] Accurate data reporting. (a) The 18 department shall establish a standardized data collection 19 process for schools and complex areas to maintain records and report data to the department. The department shall implement a 20 21 process to:

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Review the accuracy of data reported by schools and 1 (1)2 complex areas; (2) Coordinate with [the state] public charter school 3 [commission] authorizers regarding the collection, 4 analysis, and dissemination of this data from public 5 charter schools; and 6 7 Analyze and publish the data collected." (3) SECTION 4. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 8 9 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows: 10 "(d) The board shall [appoint-the state public charter school commission which] approve authorizers [shall serve as the 11 12 statewide charter authorizer for charter schools, with the 13 power and duty to issue charters, oversee and monitor charter 14 schools, hold charter schools accountable for their performance, 15 and revoke charters." 16 SECTION 5. Section 302A-1403, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended to read as follows: 18 "§302A-1403 Authority to secure federal funds. The 19 department, [the_state_public_charter_school_commission,] a 20 charter school authorizer, director of finance, and governor may 21 take such steps and perform such acts as may be necessary or

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1 proper to secure any such federal funds for the purposes 2 specified in sections 302A-1401 and 302A-1402." SECTION 6. Section 302A-1404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 3 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 4 5 "(a) The department and [the state public charter school commission or] an authorizer, as appropriate, may retain and 6 7 expend federal indirect overhead reimbursements for discretionary grants in excess of the negotiated rate for such 8 9 reimbursements as determined by the director of finance and the 10 superintendent or the director of finance and [the state public charter school commission or] an authorizer, as appropriate." 11 12 SECTION 7. Section 302A-1165, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 14 "(c) The department shall share the information gathered 15 pursuant to this section with the department of human services, 16 executive office on early learning, and [public charter school 17 commission] authorizers to the extent not otherwise prohibited 18 by administrative rule or law." 19 SECTION 8. Section 302A-1166, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 20 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

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1	"(c) The department shall share the information gathered
2	pursuant to this section with the department of human services,
3	executive office on early learning, and [public-charter-school
4	commission] authorizers to the extent not otherwise prohibited
5	by administrative rule or law."
6	SECTION 9. Section 302D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7	amended as follows:
8	1. By amending the definition of "authorizer" to read:
9	""Authorizer" means an entity established under this
10	chapter with chartering authority to review charter
11	applications, decide whether to approve or deny charter
12	applications, enter into charter contracts with applicants,
13	oversee public charter schools, and decide whether to authorize,
14	renew, deny renewal of, or revoke charter contracts. [The term
15	may include the commission when appropriate.]"
16	2. By repealing the definition of "commission".
17	[""Commission" means the state public charter school
18	commission established pursuant to [section] 302D-3 as a
19	<pre>statewide authorizer."]</pre>
20	3. By repealing the definition of "executive director".

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1	[" "Executive director" means the executive director of the
2	state public charter school commission."]
3	SECTION 10. Section 302D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	"§302D-3 State public charter [school commission;
6	establishment; appointment.] schools; authorizers; mission. (a)
7	[There is established the state public charter school commission
8	with statewide chartering jurisdiction and authority. The
9	commission shall be placed within the department for
10	administrative purposes only. Notwithstanding section 302D-25
11	and any law to the contrary, the commission shall be subject to
12	chapter 92.
13	(b)] The mission of [the commission] <u>an authorizer</u> shall
14	be to authorize high-quality public charter schools throughout
15	the State.
16	[(c) The commission shall consist of nine members to be
17	appointed by the board.] (b) The board shall accept applications
18	for and [appoint members] approve authorizers who will be tasked
19	with authorizing public charter schools that serve the unique
20	and diverse needs of public school students. [The chair of the
21	commission shall be designated by the members of the commission

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1	for each school year beginning July 1, and whenever there is a
2	vacancy.] The board shall consider the combination of
3	abilities, breadth of experiences, and characteristics of $[the$
4	commission,] an authorizer, including but not limited to
5	reflecting the diversity of the student population, geographical
6	representation, and a broad representation of education-related
7	stakeholders. [The commission shall be exempt from sections
8	26-34 and 26-36.
9	(d) Understanding that the role of the commission is to
10	ensure a long-term strategic vision for Hawaii's public charter
11	schools, each nomince to the commission shall meet the
12	following minimum qualifications:
13	(1) Commitment to education. Each nominee's record should
14	demonstrate a deep and abiding interest in education,
15	and a dedication to the social, academic, and
16	character development of young people through the
17	administration of a high performing charter school
18	system;
19	(2) Record of integrity, civic virtue, and high ethical
20	standards. Each nomince shall demonstrate integrity,



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1		civic virtue, and high ethical standards and be
2		willing to hold fellow commission members to the same;
3	(3)	Availability for constructive engagement. Each
4		nomince shall commit to being a conscientious and
5		attentive commission member; and
6	(4)	Knowledge of best practices. Each nominee shall have
7		an understanding of best practices in charter school
8		educational governance or shall be willing to be
9		trained in such.
10	(e)	Each nomince to the commission shall ideally meet the
11	following	recommended qualifications:
12	(1)	Experience governing complex organizations. Each
13		nominee-should possess experience with complex
14		organizations, including but not limited to
15		performance contract management, and a proven ability
16		to function productively within them; and
17	(2)	Collaborative leadership ability. Each nomince should
18		have substantial leadership experience that ideally
19		illustrates the nominee's ability to function among
20		diverse colleagues as an effective team member, with



1	the ability to articulate, understand, and help shape
2	consensus surrounding commission policies.
3	(f) Five members of the commission shall constitute a
4	quorum to conduct business. Any action taken by the commission
5	shall be by a simple majority of the members of the commission
6	who are present; provided that any action of the commission that
7	may be appealed pursuant to section 302D-15 shall require a
8	concurrence of at least five members to be valid.
9	(g) Commission members shall serve not more than three
10	eonsecutive three-year terms, with each term beginning on
11	July 1; provided that the initial terms that commence after
12	June 30, 2012, shall be staggered as follows:
13	(1) Three members, including the chairperson, to serve
14	three-year terms;
15	(2) Three members to serve two-year terms; and
16	(3) Three members to serve one-year terms.
17	(h) Notwithstanding the terms of the members, the board
18	may fill vacancies in the commission at any time when a vacancy
19	occurs due to resignation, non-participation, the request of a
20	majority of the commission members, or termination by the board
21	for cause.

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1	(i) Commission members shall receive no compensation.
2	When commission duties require that a commission member take
3	leave of the member's duties as a state employee, the
4	appropriate state department shall allow the commission member
5	to be placed on administrative leave with pay and shall provide
6	substitutes, when necessary, to fulfill that member's
7	departmental duties. Members shall be reimbursed for necessary
8	travel-expenses incurred in the conduct of official commission
9	business.
10	(j) The commission shall operate with dedicated resources
11	and staff qualified to execute the day-to-day responsibilities
12	of the commission pursuant to this chapter. Beginning with the
13	2015-2016 fiscal year, the legislature shall make an
14	appropriation to the commission separate from, and in addition
15	to, any appropriation made to charter schools pursuant to
16	sections 302D-28 and 302D-29.5.
17	(k) The commission shall have the power to hire staff
18	without regard to chapters 76 and 89. The commission shall
19	determine staff wages, hours, benefits, and other terms and
20	conditions for employment in accordance with chapter 89C.] (c)
21	For non-state and non-county authorizers, the salary of an



1	authorizer's executive director and staff shall be set by the
2	authorizer based upon the recommendation of the charter schools
3	within the authorizer's portfolio; provided that the salaries
4	and operational expenses of an authorizer shall be paid from the
5	annual charter school appropriation and shall not exceed two per
6	cent of the total general fund allocation at an amount to be
7	determined annually by the authorizer."
8	SECTION 11. Section 302D-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended to read as follows:
10	"[+] \$302D-3.2 [+] Fees. (a) In administering its
11	responsibilities, [the commission] an authorizer may assess fees
12	on non-state entities and individuals to help offset its
13	operating costs.
14	(b) Fees collected by [the commission] <u>an authorizer</u> shall
15	be deposited into insured checking or savings accounts and shall
16	be expended by the [commission.] the authorizer.
17	(c) [The commission] <u>An authorizer</u> shall adopt rules
18	pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section; provided that,
19	notwithstanding this section or any other law to the contrary,
20	the [commission] <u>authorizer</u> may set the initial amount of fees

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1	authorized pursuant to this section at any time without regard
2	to chapter 91, if the [commission:] authorizer:
3	(1) Holds at least one public hearing to take and discuss
4	public testimony on the proposed fee amount; and
5	(2) Provides public notice at least thirty days prior to
6	the date of the public hearing."
7	SECTION 12. Section 302D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"[$+$]§302D-4[$+$] Chartering authority application for
10	eligible entities. (a) [The commission created under section
11	302D-3 may authorize public charter schools anywhere in the
12	State.
13	(b)] Governing boards of accredited public and private
14	postsecondary institutions, including community colleges,
15	technical colleges, and four-year universities may apply to the
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	board, pursuant to this section, for statewide, regional, or
17	board, pursuant to this section, for statewide, regional, or local chartering authority, in accordance with each
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	local chartering authority, in accordance with each

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1 [(d)] (c) Governing boards of non-profit or charitable 2 organizations, which are exempt from federal taxes under section 3 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, may apply to the board, and may be granted statewide chartering authority. 4 5 Nonpublic sectarian or religious organizations and any other charitable organization which in their federal Internal Revenue 6 Service Form 1023, Part IV, describe activities indicating a 7 religious purpose, are not eligible to apply to become an 8 9 authorizer under this chapter.

10 [(e)] (d) The board shall establish, through 11 administrative rules, the annual application and approval 12 process for all entities eligible to apply for chartering 13 authority pursuant to this section; provided that the board 14 shall not approve any application for chartering authority until 15 July 1, 2014, or until the board adopts rules, whichever is later. By June 30 of each year, the board shall make available 16 17 information and guidelines for all eligible entities concerning 18 the opportunity to apply for chartering authority under this 19 chapter. The application process shall require each interested 20 eligible entity to submit an application that clearly explains 21 or presents the following elements:

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1	(1)	Written notification of intent to serve as an
2		authorizer in accordance with this chapter;
3	(2)	The applicant entity's strategic vision for
4		chartering;
5	(3)	A plan to support the vision presented, including
6		explanation and evidence of the applicant entity's
7		budget and personnel capacity and commitment to
8		execute the responsibilities of quality charter
9		authorizing, in accordance with this chapter;
10	(4)	A draft or preliminary outline of the request for
11		proposals that the applicant entity, if approved as an
12		authorizer, would issue to solicit public charter
13		school applicants;
14	(5)	A draft of the performance framework that the
15		applicant entity, if approved as an authorizer, would
16		use to guide the establishment of a charter contract
17		and for ongoing oversight and evaluation of public
18		charter schools, consistent with the requirements of
19		this chapter;

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1 A draft of the applicant entity's renewal, revocation, (6) 2 and nonrenewal processes, consistent with section 302D-18; 3 (7) A statement of assurance that the applicant entity 4 seeks to serve as an authorizer in fulfillment of the 5 expectations, spirit, and intent of this chapter, and 6 7 that if approved as an authorizer, the entity will 8 fully participate in any authorizer training provided 9 or required by the State; and 10 A statement of assurance that the applicant will (8) 11 ensure public accountability and transparency in all 12 matters concerning its charter-authorizing practices, 13 decisions, and expenditures. 14 [(f)] (e) By June 30 of each year, the board shall decide 15 whether to grant or deny chartering authority to each applicant. The board shall make its decisions on the merits of each 16 17 applicant's proposal and plans.

18 [-(g)] (f) Within sixty days of the board's decision, the 19 board shall execute a renewable authorizing contract with each 20 entity it has approved for chartering authority. The initial 21 term of each authorizing contract shall be six years. The

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authorizing contract shall specify each approved entity's 1 2 agreement to serve as an authorizer in accordance with the expectations of this chapter, and shall specify additional 3 performance terms based on the applicant's proposal and plan for 4 5 chartering. No approved entity shall commence charter authorizing without an authorizing contract in effect. 6 [(h) This section shall not apply to the commission.]" 7 SECTION 13. Section 302D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 8 9 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows: 10 "(f) An authorizer, members of the board of an authorizer acting in their official capacity, and employees or agents of an 11 12 authorizer are immune from civil and criminal liability with respect to all activities related to a public charter school 13 14 authorized by that authorizer, except for any acts or omissions 15 constituting wilful misconduct. [Members of the commission 16 shall be afforded the same protection afforded the members of 17 the board pursuant to section 26-35.5.]" 18 SECTION 14. Section 302D-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 19 amended to read as follows: 20 "\$302D-8 Conflict of interests. [(a) A member of the 21 state public charter school commission shall not be eligible to

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serve on the commission if the member was affiliated with any 1 public charter school within one year preceding appointment to 2 3 the commission. As used in this subsection, "affiliated" means attached or 4 connected as a current or previous employee, governing board 5 member, vendor, contractor, agent, or representative. 6 7 (b)] An employee, trustee, agent, or representative of an authorizer shall not simultaneously serve as an employee, 8 9 trustee, agent, representative, vendor, or contractor of a public charter school authorized by that authorizer. Authorizer 10 11 members shall disclose to the authorizer a list of all charter 12 schools in which the member has previously been an employee, governing board member, vendor, contractor, agent, or 13 14 representative." 15 SECTION 15. Section 302D-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended as follows: 17 1. By amending subsections (b) and (c) to read: 18 "(b) Charter schools [, the commission,] and authorizers 19 shall be exempt from chapter 103D, but shall develop internal 20 policies and procedures for the procurement of goods, services, 21 and construction, consistent with the goals of public

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accountability and public procurement practices. Charter 1 2 schools[, the commission,] and authorizers are encouraged to use the provisions of chapter 103D where possible; provided that the 3 use of one or more provisions of chapter 103D shall not 4 constitute a waiver of the exemption from chapter 103D and shall 5 not subject the charter school [, commission,] or authorizer to 6 any other provision of chapter 103D. Charter schools[, the 7 $commission_r$] and authorizers shall account for funds expended 8 for the procurement of goods and services, and this accounting 9 10 shall be available to the public.

(c) Charter schools and their employees[, the commission and its employees,] and governing boards and their members shall be subject to chapter 84."

14 2. By amending subsections (e) through (g) to read:
15 "(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, as public
16 schools and entities of the State, a charter school, including
17 its governing board, [the-commission,] and any authorizer may
18 not bring suit against any other entity or agency of the State.
19 (f) Charter schools[, the commission,] and authorizers
20 shall be exempt from section 302A-1401.

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1 (q) For purposes of statutory delegation of authority to 2 department heads by other state agencies, the [executive 3 director] superintendent shall be deemed the department head of the [commission and] charter schools unless otherwise 4 specifically provided." 5 SECTION 16. Section 302D-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 6 7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 8 "(b) The charter schools, through their authorizer, may 9 propose to the board an alternative weighted student formula, approved by more than two-thirds of the governing boards, with 10 each governing board being accorded one vote, to be administered 11 by the [commission] authorizer and to apply to the per-pupil 12 allocation for charter schools." 13 14 SECTION 17. Section 302D-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows: 15 1. By amending subsection (a) to read: 16 17 "(a) Beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and each 18 fiscal year thereafter, the legislature shall consider making an 19 appropriation and bond authorization to the [commission] board 20 for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance 21 of public charter school improvements to address issues of

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1	health, safety, and legal compliance; expand or improve
2	instructional space; provide for food services; or provide
3	restroom facilities. The appropriation and bond authorization
4	for charter schools shall be separate from, and in addition to,
5	any appropriation made to charter schools pursuant to this
6	section and section 302D-28. These amounts shall be prioritized
7	for allocation by the charter school facilities funding working
8	group."
9	2. By amending subsections (d) and (e) to read:
10	"(d) There is established a charter school facilities
11	funding working group within the department of education, which
12	shall consist of the following members, or their designees:
13	(1) The [chairperson of the commission;] <u>head of every</u>
14	authorizer;
15	(2) [The executive director of the commission;
16	(3) The director of finance;
17	[(4)] <u>(3)</u> The comptroller;
18	[(5)] <u>(4)</u> The superintendent of education;
19	[(6)] (5) An individual with expertise in real estate, to
20	be appointed by the chairperson of the [commission;]
21	board; and



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1 [(7)] (6) An individual with expertise in finance, to be
2 appointed by the chairperson of the [commission.]
3 board.

4 The [commission] board shall develop criteria to determine the distribution of funds appropriated pursuant to subsection 5 (a) to the charter schools. The criteria shall include 6 7 distribution based on the need and performance of the charter 8 schools, overall benefit to the surrounding community, amount of risk and availability of recourse to the State, and whether a 9 particular charter school received facilities funding through 10 11 other state funding, including grants-in-aid or a separate 12 appropriation.

13 The charter school facilities funding working group shall
14 be exempt from chapter 92 and shall act in an advisory capacity
15 to prioritize the allocation of general fund appropriations and
16 bond proceeds for public charter schools to expend based on the
17 criteria established by the commission.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
restricting the authority of the [commission] board to support
the facilities needs of the charter schools through other
means."

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SECTION 18. Section 302D-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The department shall be responsible for the provision 4 of a free appropriate public education. Any charter school that enrolls special education students or identifies one of its 5 students as eligible for special education shall be responsible 6 7 for providing the educational and related services required by a student's individualized education program. The programs and 8 9 services for the student shall be determined collaboratively by 10 the student's individualized education program team, which 11 includes the student's parents or legal guardians.

12 If the charter school is unable to provide all of the 13 required services, then the department shall provide the student 14 with services as determined by the student's individualized 15 educational program team. The department shall collaborate with [the commission] authorizers to develop guidelines related to 16 17 the provision of special education services and resources to 18 each charter school. The department shall review all of the 19 current individualized education programs of special education 20 students enrolled in a charter school and may offer staff, 21 funding, or both, to the charter school based upon a per-pupil

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weighted formula implemented by the department and used to 1 2 allocate resources for special education students in the 3 department schools." SECTION 19. Section 302D-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows: 5 "(b) The employer or prospective employer may: 6 7 (1)Refuse to allow or continue to allow teacher training; 8 (2)Terminate the employment of any employee; or 9 (3) Deny employment to an applicant, if the person has committed a crime, and if the employer or 10 prospective employer finds by reason of the nature and 11 12 circumstances of the crime, that the person poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of children. Refusal, 13 14 termination, or denial may occur only after appropriate investigation and notification to the employee or applicant of 15 16 the results and planned action and after the employee or applicant is given an opportunity to meet and rebut the 17 18 findings. Nothing in this subsection shall abrogate any 19 applicable rights under chapter 76 or 89, or any administrative 20 rule of the [commission.] authorizer.

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1	(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for
2	purposes of this section, the [commission] authorizer shall be
3	exempt from section 831-3.1 and shall not be required to conduct
4	investigations, notifications, or hearings in accordance with
5	chapter 91."
6	SECTION 20. Section 302D-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7	amended as follows:
8	1. By amending subsections (b) and (c) to read:
9	"(b) Each department shall provide notice to the
10	superintendent and [state public charter school commission] each
11	authorizer identifying suitable unused facilities that may be
12	appropriate for:
13	(1) Public charter schools; and
14	(2) Early learning programs, including the pre-plus
15	program, that are affiliated with a public charter
16	school.
17	The department of accounting and general services shall
18	inventory the suitable facilities, and, in determining
19	suitability for educational reuse, priority shall be given to
20	facilities on sites with sufficient space for three or more
21	classrooms.

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(c)	The department of accounting and general services			
shall cond	duct biennial surveys of all departments concerning any			
unused fac	cilities, or in the case of the department of education			
any under utilized department schools, that meet the conditions				
under subsection (b) and maintain an inventory of all such				
unused or under utilized facilities. The department of				
accounting and general services shall provide biennial reports				
on the inv	ventory maintained under this subsection to [the state			
public cha	arter school commission.] each authorizer."			
2. H	By amending subsection (f) to read:			
"(f)	Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to subsection (b),			
[the state	e public charter school commission] an authorizer			
shall:				
(1)	Solicit applications from public charter schools or			
	early learning programs that are affiliated with a			
	public charter school, respectively, that are			
	interested in using and occupying all or portions of			
	the facilities; and			
(2)	Submit a prioritized list of public charter schools or			
	early learning programs that are affiliated with a			
	public charter school, respectively, to the department			
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1 of accounting and general services for final 2 determination of which public charter schools or early 3 learning programs that are affiliated with a public 4 charter school, if any, shall be authorized to use and 5 occupy the facilities."

6 SECTION 21. Section 302D-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is7 amended to read as follows:

8 "[+]\$302D-37[+] Standardized assessment for students
9 entering kindergarten. (a) [The commission] Each authorizer
10 shall adopt the student assessment model adopted by the board
11 pursuant to section 302A-1165(a) to assess all charter school
12 students entering kindergarten.

(b) Within the first thirty days of each school year, [the commission] each authorizer shall ensure that all charter school kindergarten students are assessed by public charter schools with the student assessment model; provided that any assessment administered pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in either English or Hawaiian.

(c) [The commission] Each authorizer shall share the
information gathered from public charter schools pursuant to
this section with the department, department of human services,

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1 and executive office on early learning to the extent not
2 otherwise prohibited by administrative rule or law."

3 SECTION 22. Section 302D-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

"[{] §302D-38[}] Prior early learning programs attendance 5 disclosure. (a) At least one parent or guardian of each child 6 7 entering kindergarten shall disclose to the public charter school at which the child is enrolled the name and address of 8 9 the early learning program that the child attended during the previous academic year. Each public charter school shall 10 provide to [the commission] their authorizer the information 11 disclosed pursuant to this section. [The commission] An 12 13 authorizer may also require the disclosure of any other 14 information not otherwise prohibited by law that would assist 15 the department, the department of human services, and the executive office on early learning in developing, assessing, and 16 17 implementing strategies to meet the early learning needs of 18 children in the State. [The commission] All authorizers and the 19 executive office on early learning shall use the information to 20 assist the department of human services and executive office on 21 early learning in determining the levels of prekindergarten

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attendance and need for child care in geographic regions of the
 State and identify the highest priority regions requiring
 prekindergarten programs and child care to meet the needs of
 unserved or underserved eligible children and shall provide the
 information to the department of human services.

6 (b) [The commission] An authorizer may include a request
7 for the information required by subsection (a) on a kindergarten
8 enrollment form or any other appropriate form used at all public
9 charter schools.

10 (c) [The commission] <u>All authorizers</u> shall share the 11 information gathered pursuant to this section with the 12 department, department of human services, and executive office 13 on early learning to the extent not otherwise prohibited by 14 administrative rule or law."

15 SECTION 23. Section 302D-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended to read as follows:

"[+]\$302D-39[+] Public early learning and preschool
programs; administrative authority. (a) [The commission]
Appropriate authorizers shall have administrative authority over
all state-funded early learning programs and private
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within their portfolio except for special education and Title I-1 2 funded prekindergarten programs. The early learning programs in charter schools 3 (b) shall enroll no more than a maximum of twenty children per 4 5 classroom who are three- or four-years-old on or before July 6 31 of the school year, as aligned with the department's 7 kindergarten age entry requirements. 8 Subject to the availability of funding, [the (C) 9 commission] authorizers shall implement an application process for schools to establish an early learning program. 10 11 Each early learning program and preschool program (d) 12 shall meet the following requirements: 13 The availability of a classroom and outdoor play area (1)14 that meet department of human services requirements 15 for the health and safety of three- and four-year-old children and is exempt from section 346-161 as a 16 17 public preschool provider; 18 (2) The commitment of the principal to implementing an 19 early learning program, including through active 20 participation in professional development sessions 21 offered through the [commission,] authorizer for that

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1		prin	cipal's school, and promoting continuity and			
2		alignment between and across other early learning				
3		programs in the community and other grade levels in				
4		the school to ensure the positive outcomes of children				
5		are sustained;				
6	(3)	The inclusion of students with disabilities based on				
7		individualized education program placement; provided				
8		that:				
9		(A)	The in-classroom ratio of students with			
10			disabilities shall be based on the inclusion of			
11			children with disabilities in proportion to the			
12			general population of the school;			
13		(B)	Subparagraph (A) does not anticipate or permit			
14			imposing caps or quotas on the number of children			
15			with disabilities in a program or not			
16			individualizing services for children with			
17			disabilities under the Individuals with			
18			Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C.			
19			1400 et seq., as amended);			
20		(C)	The department shall collaborate with the charter			
21			school to coordinate services for students with			



1		disabilities who are placed in the classroom	
2		offered through the program; and	
3		(D) Funding for all costs associated with the	
4		implementation of the individualized education	
5		program of students shall be provided through the	
6		department;	
7	(4)	Enrollment in the program shall be free and voluntary;	
8	(5)	The enrollment shall not exceed twenty children per	
9		classroom; and	
10	(6)	The incorporation of standards that are research-based	
11		and developmentally-appropriate practices associated	
12		with improved educational outcomes for children, such	
13		as:	
14		(A) Positive teacher-child interactions that shall be	
15		evaluated through observations conducted by the	
16		[commission] authorizer of the charter school	
17		using a research-based tool at least twice a	
18		year, for the purposes of professional	
19		development; provided that the observations shall	
20		not be used for the purposes of teacher	
21		evaluation;	



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1 The early learning environment shall be assessed (B) 2 using a tool that measures its effectiveness and shall be conducted at least two times per school 3 4 year by a certified observer who is employed or contracted by the [commission;] authorizer of the 5 6 school; provided that the teaching staff shall 7 use the assessment data and feedback to improve the quality of the learning environment; provided 8 9 further that observations shall be used for the 10 purposes of professional development and shall not be used for the purposes of teacher 11 12 evaluation; Use of individual child formative assessments 13 (C) 14 that are used for ongoing planning relating to 15 all areas of child development and learning 16 including cognitive, linguistic, social emotional 17 approaches to learning, and health and physical 18 development; 19 Family engagement in partnership with charter (D) schools, including conducting outreach for 20 21 enrollment and engagement of families in their



1		children's education in recognition of families'
2		role as their child's first and most important
3		teacher;
4	(E)	Alignment with the Hawaii early learning and
5		development standards, department standards,
6		state content and performance standards, and
7		general learner outcomes for grades kindergarten
8		to twelve to facilitate a seamless educational
9		experience for children;
10	(F)	Requirements that any teacher shall have
11		coursework in early childhood education pursuant
12		to Hawaii teacher standards board licensing
13		requirements for a prekindergarten teacher or be
14		enrolled in a state-approved teacher education
15		program and be working toward satisfying the
16		Hawaii teacher standards board licensing
17		requirements; and
18	(G)	Requirements that any educational assistant has a
19		current child development associate credential,
20		coursework for a certificate that meets the
21		requirements for child development associate



1	credential preparation, or be enrolled in and
2	working toward completing a program that prepares
3	the individual to obtain the credential.
4	(e) [The commission] Authorizers shall monitor the
5	implementation of the educational experience for children.
6	(f) [The commission] <u>Authorizers</u> shall provide support to
7	incorporate the standards developed pursuant to subsection (d),
8	including support related to teacher-child interactions, early
9	childhood learning environment, individual child assessments,
10	and family engagement.
11	(g) Teaching staff participating in a program established
12	pursuant to this section shall participate in coaching and
13	mentoring and professional development opportunities offered
14	through the [commission;] authorizer of the charter school
15	provided that the [commission] authorizer shall cover the
16	associated travel and substitute teacher costs, contingent upon
17	funding availability. The [commission] authorizer may extend
18	this support, excluding travel and substitute teacher costs, to
19	individuals who are not participating in the program to promote
20	alignment between all grade levels, programs, and settings.

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1 School leaders shall attend professional development (h) 2 sessions related to P-3 (preschool to grade three) alignment offered through the [commission.] authorizer of the charter 3 school. The [commission] authorizer shall cover the costs 4 associated with travel and substitute teacher expenditures, 5 contingent upon the availability of funding. The [commission] 6 7 authorizer may extend this support, excluding travel and substitute teacher costs, to individuals who are not 8 participating in the program to promote alignment between all 9 grade levels, programs, and settings. 10

(i) [The commission] <u>An authorizer</u> shall work with each
charter school <u>within its portfolio</u> to develop and annually
update a written three-year plan that promotes, within the
school and community, alignment of and transitions between
learning experiences, and report on the progress made toward the
plan by the end of the school year.

17 (j) [The commission] Authorizers shall coordinate with
18 other agencies and programs to facilitate comprehensive services
19 for early learning.

20 (k) [The commission] <u>Authorizers</u> shall promote the
21 development of a cohesive, comprehensive, and sustainable early



1 learning system. [The commission] Authorizers shall coordinate 2 with other early learning providers, including those providing the programs and services, to promote alignment between 3 4 prekindergarten and elementary school programs and to support 5 children and their families in making successful transitions 6 from prekindergarten into kindergarten. 7 The [commission] board shall adopt rules pursuant to (1) chapter 91 for the purpose of this section. 8 [The commission] Authorizers shall submit a report to 9 (m) the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening 10 of each regular session regarding state-funded early learning 11 12 programs in charter schools [-,] for which they have authorized. The report shall include, as related to each type of program: 13 14 (1)The number and location of classrooms; Sources of funding for each classroom; 15 (2)Aggregated data reflecting the quality of teacher-16 (3) 17 child interactions relating to emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support; 18 Aggregated data reflecting the quality of the early 19 (4) 20 learning environment and the teacher-child

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1		interactions that maximize the learning opportunities
2		of the environment; and
3	(5)	Aggregated student outcomes related to all areas of
4		child development and learning, including cognitive,
5		linguistic, social and emotional approaches to
6		learning and health and physical development, as
7		assessed using a formative assessment tool selected or
8		approved by the commission.
9	This repo	rted data shall be compiled from the previously state-
10	funded sc	hool year."
11	SECT	ION 24. Section 302L-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended t	o read as follows:
13	"[{]	<pre>§302L-8[] Public prekindergarten classrooms; annual</pre>
14	report to	the legislature. The office shall submit to the
15	legislatu	re an annual report regarding State-funded
16	prekinder	garten programs and private partnership-funded
17	prekinder	garten programs in the public schools, except special
18	education	and Title I-funded prekindergarten programs, to
19	include,	as related to each type of program:
20	(1)	The number and location of classrooms;

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1	(2)	Numbers of students served and aggregated by birth
2		month as of the date on which the official enrollment
3		count is taken;
4	(3)	Sources of funding for each classroom;
5	(4)	Quality of teacher-child interactions relating to
6		social emotional support, classroom structure, and
7		quality of learning experiences, as assessed using a
8		formative assessment tool selected by the office; and
9	(5)	Child outcomes relating to all areas of childhood
10		development and learning, including cognitive,
11		linguistic, social, and emotional approaches to
12		learning and health and physical development, as
13		assessed using a formative assessment tool selected by
14		the office.
15	The depar	tment and [state public charter school commission] <u>all</u>
16	<u>charter s</u>	chool authorizers shall share data with the office
17	necessary	for the purposes of this report."
18	SECT	ION 25. Section 346-186, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended b	y amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
20	"(a)	The department shall establish or augment an existing
21	database	to collect and analyze information it receives from the

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department of education pursuant to sections 302A-1165 and 302A-1166 and the [state] public charter school [commission] <u>authorizers</u> pursuant to sections 302D-37 and 302D-38 and any other information the department may collect on all children in the State who are three to four years old and children who will not be at least five years of age on or before July 31 of the current school year.

8 (b) To the extent not prohibited by administrative rule or 9 law, the department, department of education, public charter 10 school [commission,] authorizers, and executive office on early 11 learning shall share any information gathered pursuant to sections 302A-1165, 302A-1166, 302D-37, and 302D-38 with each 12 13 other, along with any other information the department, 14 department of education, or public charter school [commission] 15 authorizers may collect on all children in the State who are 16 three to four years old and children who will not be at least 17 five years of age on or before July 31 of the current school 18 year."

19 SECTION 26. Section 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

21 "(b) Criminal history record checks may be conducted by:

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1	(1)	The department of health or its designee on operators
2		of adult foster homes for individuals with
3		developmental disabilities or developmental
4		disabilities domiciliary homes and their employees, as
5		provided by section 321-15.2;
6	(2)	The department of health or its designee on
7		prospective employees, persons seeking to serve as
8		providers, or subcontractors in positions that place
9		them in direct contact with clients when providing
10		non-witnessed direct mental health or health care
11		services as provided by section 321-171.5;
12	(3)	The department of health or its designee on all
13		applicants for licensure or certification for,
14		operators for, prospective employees, adult
15		volunteers, and all adults, except adults in care, at
16		healthcare facilities as defined in section 321-15.2;
17	(4)	The department of education on employees, prospective
18		employees, and teacher trainees in any public school
19		in positions that necessitate close proximity to
20		children as provided by section 302A-601.5;

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1	(5)	The counties on employees and prospective employees
2		who may be in positions that place them in close
3		proximity to children in recreation or child care
4		programs and services;
5	(6)	The county liquor commissions on applicants for liquor
6		licenses as provided by section 281-53.5;
7	(7)	The county liquor commissions on employees and
8		prospective employees involved in liquor
9		administration, law enforcement, and liquor control
10		investigations;
11	(8)	The department of human services on operators and
12		employees of child caring institutions, child placing
13		organizations, and foster boarding homes as provided
14		by section 346-17;
15	(9)	The department of human services on prospective
16		adoptive parents as established under section
17		346-19.7;
18	(10)	The department of human services or its designee on
19		applicants to operate child care facilities, household
20		members of the applicant, prospective employees of the
21		applicant, and new employees and household members of

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1		the provider after registration or licensure as
2		provided by section 346-154, and persons subject to
3		section 346-152.5;
4	(11)	The department of human services on persons exempt
5		pursuant to section 346-152 to be eligible to provide
6		child care and receive child care subsidies as
7		provided by section 346-152.5;
8	(12)	The department of health on operators and employees of
9		home and community-based case management agencies and
10		operators and other adults, except for adults in care,
11		residing in community care foster family homes as
12		provided by section 321-15.2;
13	(13)	The department of human services on staff members of
14		the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by
15		section 352-5.5;
16	(14)	The department of human services on employees,
17		prospective employees, and volunteers of contracted
18		providers and subcontractors in positions that place
19		them in close proximity to youth when providing
20		services on behalf of the office or the Hawaii youth
21		correctional facility as provided by section 352D-4.3;

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1 The judiciary on employees and applicants at detention (15)2 and shelter facilities as provided by section 571-34; 3 (16)The department of public safety on employees and 4 prospective employees who are directly involved with the treatment and care of persons committed to a 5 correctional facility or who possess police powers 6 7 including the power of arrest as provided by section 353C-5: 8 9 (17)The board of private detectives and guards on 10 applicants for private detective or private guard 11 licensure as provided by section 463-9; 12 (18)Private schools and designated organizations on 13 employees and prospective employees who may be in 14 positions that necessitate close proximity to 15 children; provided that private schools and designated 16 organizations receive only indications of the states 17 from which the national criminal history record 18 information was provided pursuant to section 302C-1; 19 (19)The public library system on employees and prospective 20 employees whose positions place them in close

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1		proximity to children as provided by section
2		302A-601.5;
3	(20)	The State or any of its branches, political
4		subdivisions, or agencies on applicants and employees
5		holding a position that has the same type of contact
6		with children, vulnerable adults, or persons committed
7		to a correctional facility as other public employees
8		who hold positions that are authorized by law to
9		require criminal history record checks as a condition
10		of employment as provided by section 78-2.7;
11	(21)	The department of health on licensed adult day care
12		center operators, employees, new employees,
13		subcontracted service providers and their employees,
14		and adult volunteers as provided by section 321-15.2;
15	(22)	The department of human services on purchase of
16		service contracted and subcontracted service providers
17		and their employees serving clients of the adult
18		protective and community services branch, as provided
19		by section 346-97;
20	(23)	The department of human services on foster grandparent
21		program, senior companion program, and respite

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1		companion program participants as provided by section
2		346-97;
3	(24)	The department of human services on contracted and
4		subcontracted service providers and their current and
5		prospective employees that provide home and community-
6		based services under section 1915(c) of the Social
7		Security Act, title 42 United States Code section
8		1396n(c), or under any other applicable section or
9		sections of the Social Security Act for the purposes
10		of providing home and community-based services, as
11		provided by section 346-97;
12	(25)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
13		proposed directors and executive officers of a bank,
14		savings bank, savings and loan association, trust
15		company, and depository financial services loan
16		company as provided by section 412:3-201;
17	(26)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
18		proposed directors and executive officers of a
19		nondepository financial services loan company as
20		provided by section 412:3-301;

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1	(27)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on the
2		original chartering applicants and proposed executive
3		officers of a credit union as provided by section
4		412:10-103;
5	(28)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
6		(A) Each principal of every non-corporate applicant
7		for a money transmitter license;
8		(B) Each person who upon approval of an application
9		by a corporate applicant for a money transmitter
10		license will be a principal of the licensee; and
11		(C) Each person who upon approval of an application
12		requesting approval of a proposed change in
13		control of licensee will be a principal of the
14		licensee,
15		as provided by sections 489D-9 and 489D-15;
16	(29)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
17		applicants for licensure and persons licensed under
18		title 24;
19	(30)	The Hawaii health systems corporation on:
20		(A) Employees;
21		(B) Applicants seeking employment;

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1		(C) Current or prospective members of the corporation
2		board or regional system board; or
3		(D) Current or prospective volunteers, providers, or
4		contractors,
5		in any of the corporation's health facilities as
6		provided by section 323F-5.5;
7	(31)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
8		(A) An applicant for a mortgage loan originator
9		license, or license renewal; and
10		(B) Each control person, executive officer, director,
11		general partner, and managing member of an
12		applicant for a mortgage loan originator company
13		license or license renewal,
14		as provided by chapter 454F;
15	(32)	[The state public charter school commission] Public
16		charter school authorizers or public charter schools
17		on employees, teacher trainees, prospective employees,
18		and prospective teacher trainees in any public charter
19		school for any position that places them in close
20		proximity to children, as provided in section 302D-33;

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1 The counties on prospective employees who work with (33) 2 children, vulnerable adults, or senior citizens in 3 community-based programs; 4 (34) The counties on prospective employees for fire department positions which involve contact with 5 children or vulnerable adults; 6 7 The counties on prospective employees for emergency (35) 8 medical services positions which involve contact with 9 children or vulnerable adults; 10 The counties on prospective employees for emergency (36) 11 management positions and community volunteers whose 12 responsibilities involve planning and executing 13 homeland security measures including viewing, 14 handling, and engaging in law enforcement or 15 classified meetings and assisting vulnerable citizens 16 during emergencies or crises; 17 (37)The State and counties on employees, prospective 18 employees, volunteers, and contractors whose position 19 responsibilities require unescorted access to secured 20 areas and equipment related to a traffic management 21 center;

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1 The State and counties on employees and prospective (38) 2 employees whose positions involve the handling or use 3 of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes; 4 (39) The State and counties on current and prospective systems analysts and others involved in an agency's 5 information technology operation whose position 6 7 responsibilities provide them with access to proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information; 8 9 (40)The department of commerce and consumer affairs on: 10 (A) Applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or 11 certification as provided by chapter 466K; 12 Each person who owns more than ten per cent of an (B) 13 appraisal management company who is applying for 14 registration as an appraisal management company, 15 as provided by section 466L-7; and 16 (C) Each of the controlling persons of an applicant 17 for registration as an appraisal management 18 company, as provided by section 466L-7; 19 (41)The department of health or its designee on all 20 license applicants, licensees, employees, contractors, 21 and prospective employees of medical cannabis

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1		dispensaries, and individuals permitted to enter and
2		remain in medical cannabis dispensary facilities as
3		provided under sections 329D-15(a)(4) and
4		329D-16(a)(3);
5	(42)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
6		applicants for nurse licensure or license renewal,
7		reactivation, or restoration as provided by sections
8		457-7, 457-8, 457-8.5, and 457-9;
9	(43)	The county police departments on applicants for
10		permits to acquire firearms pursuant to section 134-2
11		and on individuals registering their firearms pursuant
12		to section 134-3;
13	(44)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
14		(A) Each of the controlling persons of the applicant
15		for licensure as an escrow depository, and each
16		of the officers, directors, and principals who
17		will be in charge of the escrow depository's
18		activities upon licensure; and
19		(B) Each of the controlling persons of an applicant
20		for proposed change in control of an escrow
21		depository licensee, and each of the officers,



1		directors, and principals who will be in charge
2		of the licensee's activities upon approval of
3		such application,
4		as provided by chapter 449;
5	(45)	The department of taxation on current or prospective
6		employees or contractors who have access to federal
7		tax information in order to comply with requirements
8		of federal law, regulation, or procedure, as provided
9		by section 231-1.6;
10	(46)	The department of labor and industrial relations on
11		current or prospective employees or contractors who
12		have access to federal tax information in order to
13		comply with requirements of federal law, regulation,
14		or procedure, as provided by section 383-110;
15	(47)	The department of human services on current or
16		prospective employees or contractors who have access
17		to federal tax information in order to comply with
18		requirements of federal law, regulation, or procedure,
19		as provided by section 346-2.5;
20	(48)	The child support enforcement agency on current or
21		prospective employees, or contractors who have access



1	to federal tax information in order to comply with
2	federal law, regulation, or procedure, as provided by
3	section 576D-11.5; and
4	(49) Any other organization, entity, or the State, its
5	branches, political subdivisions, or agencies as may
6	be authorized by state law."
7	SECTION 27. All appropriations made, used, acquired, or
8	held by the state public charter school commission may be
9	transferred to the board of education to be utilized by public
10	charter school authorizers.
11	SECTION 28. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 29. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.
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Report Title:

Charter Schools; Charter School Admission; Repeal; Authorizers

Description:

Repeals the state public charter school commission. Transfers the duties of the state public charter school commission to public charter school authorizers. Transfers appropriations from the state public charter school commission to the board of education to be used by public charter school authorizers.

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