

## SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1652

Charter Schools/Charter Technical Career Centers  
by Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

Revises Auditor General financial emergency reporting requirements and determinations to include charter technical career centers.

Creates provisions establishing criteria and requirements for charter schools and charter technical career centers that have financial weaknesses or are in a state of financial emergency. Requires financial audits. Provides for corrective action and financial recovery plans. Provides grounds for termination or nonrenewal of a charter.

Revises the application process and review of charter schools and charter technical career centers and requires proof of an applicant's participation in training to include instruction in accurate financial planning and good business practices provided by the Department of Education (DOE).

Requires charter schools to disclose the identity of relatives of charter school personnel.

Revises the charter school requirements to require that a monthly financial statement be provided to the sponsor.

Provides that the number of students eligible for funding in any classroom of any charter school shall be the maximum number of students prescribed by law.

Provides for the disclosure of the performance of charter schools that are not given a school grade or school improvement rating.

Eliminates the requirement for a district school board to annually re-submit a written resolution seeking continued exclusive authority from the State Board of Education to authorize charter schools within the school board's geographic boundaries. Provides for challenges to the exclusivity of district school boards. Provides a rebuttable presumption for district school boards that are granted exclusivity.

Requires a charter school and a charter technical career center to be subject to an expedited review by the sponsor when there is, among other conditions, an end-of-year

financial deficit, excessive debt, or inadequate fund  
balances or reserves. (See bill for details)