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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1591

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1591 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27A-7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27A-7)

7 Sec. 27A-7. Charter submission.

8 (a) A proposal to establish a charter school shall be
9 submitted to the local school board and the State Board for
10 certification under Section 27A-6 of this Code in the form of a
11 proposed contract entered into between the local school board
12 and the governing body of a proposed charter school. The
13 charter school proposal shall include:

14 (1) The name of the proposed charter school, which must
15 include the words "Charter School".

16 (2) The age or grade range, areas of focus, minimum and

1 maximum numbers of pupils to be enrolled in the charter
2 school, and any other admission criteria that would be
3 legal if used by a school district.

4 (3) A description of and address for the physical plant
5 in which the charter school will be located; provided that
6 nothing in the Article shall be deemed to justify delaying
7 or withholding favorable action on or approval of a charter
8 school proposal because the building or buildings in which
9 the charter school is to be located have not been acquired
10 or rented at the time a charter school proposal is
11 submitted or approved or a charter school contract is
12 entered into or submitted for certification or certified,
13 so long as the proposal or submission identifies and names
14 at least 2 sites that are potentially available as a
15 charter school facility by the time the charter school is
16 to open.

17 (4) The mission statement of the charter school, which
18 must be consistent with the General Assembly's declared
19 purposes; provided that nothing in this Article shall be
20 construed to require that, in order to receive favorable
21 consideration and approval, a charter school proposal
22 demonstrate unequivocally that the charter school will be
23 able to meet each of those declared purposes, it being the
24 intention of the Charter Schools Law that those purposes be
25 recognized as goals that charter schools must aspire to
26 attain.

1 (5) The goals, objectives, and pupil performance
2 standards to be achieved by the charter school.

3 (6) In the case of a proposal to establish a charter
4 school by converting an existing public school or
5 attendance center to charter school status, evidence that
6 the proposed formation of the charter school has received
7 the approval of certified teachers, parents and guardians,
8 and, if applicable, a local school council as provided in
9 subsection (b) of Section 27A-8.

10 (7) A description of the charter school's educational
11 program, pupil performance standards, curriculum, school
12 year, school days, and hours of operation.

13 (8) A description of the charter school's plan for
14 evaluating pupil performance, the types of assessments
15 that will be used to measure pupil progress towards
16 achievement of the school's pupil performance standards,
17 the timeline for achievement of those standards, and the
18 procedures for taking corrective action in the event that
19 pupil performance at the charter school falls below those
20 standards.

21 (9) Evidence that the terms of the charter as proposed
22 are economically sound for both the charter school and the
23 school district, a proposed budget for the term of the
24 charter, a description of the manner in which an annual
25 audit of the financial and administrative operations of the
26 charter school, including any services provided by the

1 school district, are to be conducted, and a plan for the
2 displacement of pupils, teachers, and other employees who
3 will not attend or be employed in the charter school.

4 (10) A description of the governance and operation of
5 the charter school, including the nature and extent of
6 parental, professional educator, and community involvement
7 in the governance and operation of the charter school.

8 (11) An explanation of the relationship that will exist
9 between the charter school and its employees, including
10 evidence that the terms and conditions of employment have
11 been addressed with affected employees and their
12 recognized representative, if any. However, a bargaining
13 unit of charter school employees shall be separate and
14 distinct from any bargaining units formed from employees of
15 a school district in which the charter school is located.

16 (12) An agreement between the parties regarding their
17 respective legal liability and applicable insurance
18 coverage.

19 (13) A description of how the charter school plans to
20 meet the transportation needs of its pupils, and a plan for
21 addressing the transportation needs of low-income and
22 at-risk pupils.

23 (14) The proposed effective date and term of the
24 charter; provided that the first day of the first academic
25 year shall be no earlier than August 15 and no later than
26 September 15 of a calendar year, and the first day of the

1 fiscal year shall be July 1.

2 (14.5) Disclosure of any known active civil or criminal
3 investigation by a local, state, or federal law enforcement
4 agency into an organization submitting the charter school
5 proposal or a criminal investigation by a local, state, or
6 federal law enforcement agency into any member of the
7 governing body of that organization. For the purposes of
8 this subdivision (14.5), a known investigation means a
9 request for an interview by a law enforcement agency, a
10 subpoena, an arrest, or an indictment. Such disclosure is
11 required for a period from the initial application
12 submission through 10 business days prior to the
13 authorizer's scheduled decision date.

14 (15) Any other information reasonably required by the
15 State Board of Education.

16 (b) A proposal to establish a charter school may be
17 initiated by individuals or organizations that will have
18 majority representation on the board of directors or other
19 governing body of the corporation or other discrete legal
20 entity that is to be established to operate the proposed
21 charter school, by a board of education or an intergovernmental
22 agreement between or among boards of education, or by the board
23 of directors or other governing body of a discrete legal entity
24 already existing or established to operate the proposed charter
25 school. The individuals or organizations referred to in this
26 subsection may be school teachers, school administrators,

1 local school councils, colleges or universities or their
2 faculty members, public community colleges or their
3 instructors or other representatives, corporations, or other
4 entities or their representatives. The proposal shall be
5 submitted to the local school board for consideration and, if
6 appropriate, for development of a proposed contract to be
7 submitted to the State Board for certification under Section
8 27A-6.

9 (c) The local school board may not without the consent of
10 the governing body of the charter school condition its approval
11 of a charter school proposal on acceptance of an agreement to
12 operate under State laws and regulations and local school board
13 policies from which the charter school is otherwise exempted
14 under this Article.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-739, eff. 7-16-14; 98-1048, eff. 8-25-14;
16 revised 10-1-14.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."