

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB3644 updates oversight requirements for charter school sponsors and governing boards.

The measure requires:

- Members of a charter school sponsor governing board to complete a sponsor workshop requirement;
- Charter schools to promptly notify their sponsors of any significant findings of noncompliance or other adverse actions;
- Sponsors to annually evaluate their charter schools according to the performance framework;
- Metrics within a performance framework to include compliance with state and IRS financial reporting requirements, audit findings, and accreditation;
- Sponsors to use the annual performance evaluations in the performance report conducted in the charter's fourth year of operation. A sponsor can develop a separate performance framework for evaluating a designated alternative education program within the charter school;
- Members of a charter school governing board be subject to the same instruction and continuing education requirements as the members of a local school board;
- Charter school sponsors to use the three percent administrative fee they collect from their charters for oversight and services to the charter;
- The calculation of administrative services for schools that contract with EMOs to be the combined amount of administrative services expended by the charter school and the EMO;

If any deficiencies or weaknesses are found by the sponsor, the sponsor may require its charter to create and complete a corrective action plan within 45 days, or be subject to nonrenewal.

Any charter governing board that oversees multiple schools may not combine accounting, budgeting, recordkeeping, decisions, or employees of the charter schools is oversees.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form will not result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations. However, it may have a minimal impact on the district-level as formula allocations are adjusted.

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Other Considerations

None.