

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 1621</b>      |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>FA1</b>          |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |                     |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>Under Review</b> |

**Research Analysis**

The floor substitute for SB 1621 reforms the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board into the Statewide Charter School Board, which will have the sole authority to sponsor statewide virtual charter schools and may sponsor brick and mortar charters. The Board shall be comprised of nine members and shall meet at the call of the chair. All powers, duties, supplies, records, current and future liabilities shall be transferred from the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board to the Statewide Charter School Board.

Beginning July 1, 2023 the Statewide Charter School Board will succeed any contractual rights and responsibilities incurred by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and the State Board of Education for the remainder of the contracts' terms. Prior to the end of each contract, the Statewide Charter School Board must allow each virtual and brick and mortar charter school apply for renewal.

Charter schools that currently contract with school districts, tribes, or institutes of higher education may apply for contract renewal with the Statewide Charter School Board at the end of the current term of their contract.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The floor amendment is currently under review.

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**Other Considerations**

None.