

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 743, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by
2 inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "160.410. 1. A charter school shall enroll:

5 (1) All pupils resident in the district in which it operates;

6 (2) Nonresident pupils eligible to attend a district's school under an urban voluntary transfer
7 program;

8 (3) Nonresident pupils who transfer from an unaccredited district under section 167.131,
9 provided that the charter school is an approved charter school, as defined in section 167.131, and
10 subject to all other provisions of section 167.131;

11 (4) In the case of a charter school whose mission includes student drop-out prevention or
12 recovery, any nonresident pupil from the same or an adjacent county who resides in a residential
13 care facility, a transitional living group home, or an independent living program whose last school
14 of enrollment is in the school district where the charter school is established, who submits a timely
15 application; and

16 (5) In the case of a workplace charter school, any student eligible to attend under
17 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection whose parent is employed in the business district, who
18 submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program,
19 class, grade level or building. The configuration of a business district shall be set forth in the
20 charter and shall not be construed to create an undue advantage for a single employer or small
21 number of employers.

22 2. If capacity is insufficient to enroll all pupils who submit a timely application, the charter
23 school shall have an admissions process that assures all applicants of an equal chance of gaining
24 admission and does not discriminate based on parents' ability to pay fees or tuition except that:

25 (1) A charter school may establish a geographical area around the school whose residents
26 will receive a preference for enrolling in the school, provided that such preferences do not result in
27 the establishment of racially or socioeconomically isolated schools and provided such preferences
28 conform to policies and guidelines established by the state board of education;

29 (2) A charter school may also give a preference for admission of children whose siblings
30 attend the school or whose parents are employed at the school or in the case of a workplace charter
31 school, a child whose parent is employed in the business district or at the business site of such
32 school; and

33 (3) Charter [~~alternative and special purpose~~] schools may also give a preference for
34 admission to high-risk students, as defined in subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 160.405,
35 when the school targets these students through its proposed mission, curriculum, teaching methods,
36 and services.

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1 3. A charter school shall not limit admission based on race, ethnicity, national origin,
2 disability, income level, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability, but may limit
3 admission to pupils within a given age group or grade level. Charter schools may limit admission
4 based on gender only when the school is a single-gender school. Students of a charter school who
5 have been enrolled for a full academic year shall be counted in the performance of the charter
6 school on the statewide assessments in that calendar year, unless otherwise exempted as English
7 language learners. For purposes of this subsection, "full academic year" means the last Wednesday
8 in September through the administration of the Missouri assessment program test without
9 transferring out of the school and re-enrolling.

10 4. A charter school shall make available for public inspection, and provide upon request, to
11 the parent, guardian, or other custodian of any school-age pupil resident in the district in which the
12 school is located the following information:

- 13 (1) The school's charter;
14 (2) The school's most recent annual report card published according to section 160.522;
15 (3) The results of background checks on the charter school's board members; and
16 (4) If a charter school is operated by a management company, a copy of the written contract
17 between the governing board of the charter school and the educational management organization or
18 the charter management organization for services. The charter school may charge reasonable fees,
19 not to exceed the rate specified in section 610.026 for furnishing copies of documents under this
20 subsection.

21 5. When a student attending a charter school who is a resident of the school district in which
22 the charter school is located moves out of the boundaries of such school district, the student may
23 complete the current semester and shall be considered a resident student. The student's parent or
24 legal guardian shall be responsible for the student's transportation to and from the charter school.

25 6. If a change in school district boundary lines occurs under section 162.223, 162.431,
26 162.441, or 162.451, or by action of the state board of education under section 162.081, including
27 attachment of a school district's territory to another district or dissolution, such that a student
28 attending a charter school prior to such change no longer resides in a school district in which the
29 charter school is located, then the student may complete the current academic year at the charter
30 school. The student shall be considered a resident student. The student's parent or legal guardian
31 shall be responsible for the student's transportation to and from the charter school.

32 7. The provisions of sections 167.018 and 167.019 concerning foster children's educational
33 rights are applicable to charter schools."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
36 accordingly.