

HB 629 -- CHARTER SCHOOL MODIFICATIONS

SPONSOR: Quade

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, this bill requires specified charter school applications that are approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) to not become effective until approved by the voters of the district in which the charter school is located.

The bill requires the SBE to review applications within 60 days of receipt. If an application fails, the SBE shall notify the charter in writing and identify the specific failures within 10 business days.

The bill requires that the charter approval be submitted to the voters of the district at the next municipal election or, if the next annual school election is more than 60 days away, at a special election. A majority vote is required for approval of the charter school application.