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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Creates a revolving state loan fund for capital loans to charter schools. Funds the loan program through the sale of state bonds. Makes the loans available to charter schools after the charter schools have completed at least three years of operation. Sets criteria for the capital loans.

### Section

- 1 Contract.** Extends the maximum term of a charter school's charter contract from three years to five years.
- 2 Use of state money.** Modifies the provision that currently prohibits a charter school from using state aid to purchase land or buildings.
- 3 Capital loans for charter schools.** Authorizes the commissioner of children, families and learning to make capital loans to the sponsors of charter schools.
- 4 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the state bond proceeds fund to the commissioner for capital loans to charter schools. Authorizes loans for unspecified charter schools. Authorizes the sale of state bonds to provide the funding for the capital loans made under this bill.
- 5 Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 4 effective the day following final enactment.