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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Establishes another alternative by which a school board and licensed teachers may form and operate a charter school that implements the board's strategic plan for education.

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- 1**      **Formation of school by school board.** (a) States intent to allow school districts to create schools to implement the school board's strategic plan for public education.
- (b) Allows a school board and one or more licensed teachers to form a charter school without the approval of the commissioner of children, families and learning.
- (c) Makes a charter school formed under this section subject to the laws governing charter schools generally unless a particular law is specifically exempted.
- (d) Directs a sponsoring school board to select up to two members of the charter school board of directors.
- (e) Requires a charter school formed under this section to submit its budget and learning program to the sponsoring school board for review and comment. Precludes a charter school from implementing its program or significant program changes before the review and comment. Grants immunity from liability for review and comment activities.
- (f) Requires the sponsoring school board to provide facilities for the charter school and

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obligates the charter school to pay the school district for facility operating costs. Allows a charter school to apply to the commissioner for building lease aid if the sponsoring school board lacks sufficient space for the charter school.

(g) Requires a charter school to establish in its bylaws one of three alternatives for acquiring teaching services: from a professional practice organization; from teachers currently employed by the sponsoring school board; or from teachers outside the school district. Makes the charter school responsible for personnel matters affecting teachers hired from within or outside the school district. Makes the professional practice organization responsible for personnel matters affecting teachers providing teaching services through the organization.

(h) Makes nonrenewal or termination of a charter school contract subject to current law except, when a hearing is requested, requires the sponsoring school board to notify the public and allow public comment at the hearing before voting to terminate or not renew the contract.