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Overview

Allows a charter school authorizer to close a charter school if in the previous three consecutive school years the performance of the charter school based on federal school accountability measures and state measures of student performance and growth would place the school in the bottom 10 percent of all public schools as determined by the education commissioner.

Section

- 1 Causes for nonrenewal or termination of charter school contract.** (e) Allows a charter school authorizer to terminate an existing charter school contract at the end of the current school year after notifying the charter school board of directors by December 1 if in the previous three consecutive school years the performance of the charter school based on federal school accountability measures and state measures of student performance and growth would place the school in the bottom 10 percent of all public schools as determined by the education commissioner. Requires a charter school to be closed according to the applicable law and the charter school contract if the authorizer terminates the contract under this paragraph. Directs the authorizer to work with the charter school board of directors to make parents of currently enrolled children aware of school choice options and to assist families in choosing an appropriate school for the next school year. Requires an authorizer that does not terminate a contract under the conditions of this paragraph to submit public, written justification to the commissioner by December 1. Declares the federal and state measures under this paragraph do not preclude an authorizer from closing a school for other conditions.