

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 260
Version:	Conf. Committee Sub. (CCR A)
Request Number:	
Author:	Representative Denney
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Impact:	Less than \$10,000

Research Analysis

The conference committee substitute to Senate Bill 260 delays the requirement for the start of full-day kindergarten until the 2013-14 school year.

The measure allows the newly created Charter School Sponsoring Commission to sponsor a charter school when the school will provided online courses to students statewide. The school may not have a school site location but the applicant must have a physical location or presence in the state. The committee substitute outlines the composition of the seven-member commission and specifies that appointments must be made by August 1, 2011, and the commission must meet no later than September 1, 2011

The measure also allows a charter school to charge tuition or fees if a school district is authorized to charge tuition or fees and allows charter schools to be considered a governmental unit for purposes of tax-exempt financing. The measure also allows charter schools to issue bonds or participate in bonds issued on its behalf.

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Fiscal Analysis

Language in the Conference Committee Substitute related to expanding the number of potential charter school sponsors does not impact the state. However, there may be costs associated with creating the Charter School Sponsoring Commission, as the measure provides for travel reimbursement by agencies and appointing authorities. Total costs will depend on frequency of meetings and distances traveled by Commission members, but should not exceed \$10,000.

The bonds mentioned in Section 7 shall not create a liability for the State and therefore have no associated impact.

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Other Considerations

None