

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2584 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Todd Thomsen _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2584

By: Thomsen

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 3-137, which relates to contracts under the
11 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; making contract
12 renewals subject to certain limitation; limiting the
13 number of contract renewals; establishing certain
14 condition on applications to new sponsors; providing
15 a maximum operation limitation for charter schools;
16 making an exception for certain statewide virtual
17 charter schools; prohibiting sponsors from
18 contracting with charter schools who have met the
19 limitation; providing an effective date; and
20 declaring an emergency.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-137, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 3-137. A. An approved contract for a charter school
shall be effective for not longer than five (5) years from the first
day of operation. Prior to the beginning of the fifth year of
operation and subject to the operation limitation set forth in
subsection F of this section, the charter school may apply for

1 renewal of the contract with the sponsor. A charter school shall be
2 limited to not more than two contract renewals. The sponsor may
3 deny the request for renewal if it determines the charter school has
4 failed to complete the obligations of the contract or comply with
5 the provisions of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. A sponsor shall
6 give written notice of its intent to deny the request for renewal at
7 least eight (8) months prior to expiration of the contract.

8 B. If a sponsor denies a request for renewal, the governing
9 board may proceed to mediation or binding arbitration or both as
10 provided for in subsection G of Section 3-134 of this title.

11 C. A sponsor may terminate a contract during the term of the
12 contract for failure to meet the requirements for student
13 performance contained in the contract, failure to meet the standards
14 of fiscal management, violations of the law, or other good cause.
15 The sponsor shall give at least ninety (90) days' written notice to
16 the governing board prior to terminating the contract. The
17 governing board may request, in writing, an informal hearing before
18 the sponsor within fourteen (14) days of receiving notice. The
19 sponsor shall conduct an informal hearing before taking action. If
20 a sponsor decides to terminate a contract, the governing board may
21 proceed to mediation or binding arbitration or both as provided for
22 in subsection G of Section 3-134 of this title.

23 D. If a contract is not renewed, the governing board of the
24 charter school may submit an application to a proposed new sponsor

1 as provided for in Section 3-134 of this title if the charter school
2 has not met the operation limitation as set forth in subsection F of
3 this section.

4 E. If a contract is not renewed or is terminated according to
5 this section, a student who attended the charter school may enroll
6 in the resident school district of the student or may apply for a
7 transfer in accordance with Section 8-103 of this title.

8 F. Beginning July 1, 2014, except for a statewide virtual
9 charter school sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School
10 Board, a charter school operating under an approved contract
11 pursuant to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act on July 1, 2014, or any
12 charter school which enters into a contract with a sponsor on or
13 after July 1, 2014, shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15)
14 years of operation as a charter school, regardless of the form or
15 the sponsor of the charter school. A sponsor shall be prohibited
16 from entering into a contract with a charter school that has met the
17 operation limitation provided for in this subsection.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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