

An Act relating to charter schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 3-132, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013, 3-134, 3-135, 3-137, 3-140, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 and 3-142, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Sections 3-132, 3-140 and 3-142), which relate to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; modifying list of authorized sponsors of charter schools; deleting certain conditions on certain sponsors; allowing the State Board of Education to sponsor charter schools under certain conditions; mandating that priority be given to certain charter schools serving certain students; mandating that priority be given to charter school applicants that meet certain conditions; listing factors for approving a new site or school; modifying definition; adding definition; adding information to be included in the charter school application; limiting location of certain charter schools; allowing for an appeal of a rejected application to the State Board of Education; deleting mediation and arbitration criteria; providing for certain type of binding arbitration for certain applicants; stating powers and duties of a sponsor; directing sponsors to establish procedures for accepting, approving and disapproving applications; requiring sponsors to develop and maintain chartering policies and practices that are consistent with certain principles and standards; limiting liability of sponsors; adding provisions required in the charter contract; prohibiting a charter school from serving students without a contract; allowing sponsors to establish preopening requirements and conditions; specifying basis for performance provisions of a contract; allowing submission of data in certain format; listing performance framework categories; limiting requests for metric or data; allowing applicants and sponsors to have multiple contracts or one contract for multiple schools; allowing for renewal for successive terms; requiring sponsors to issue performance reports and application renewal guidance before a certain time; specifying contents of performance reports; listing steps to be allowed under the application renewal guidance; requiring the application renewal guidance to include certain criteria; requiring charter renewal decisions to include certain criteria and actions; deleting certain mediation option; directing the State Board of Education to identify certain charter schools by school grades; allowing closure of a charter school identified at bottom of ranking; providing process for ranking under certain conditions; providing for review of sponsor's decision by the State Board of Education and implementation of certain options; prohibiting charters by other sponsors for certain closed charter schools; exempting certain charter schools from closure requirements; listing considerations for closure; providing for suspension of certain charter school authorization; providing protocol for closing a charter school; directing sponsors to develop

revocation and nonrenewal processes; requiring sponsors to state reasons for revocation or nonrenewal in a resolution; requiring review of certain charter school proposal by the Board; updating statutory language; prohibiting the sponsor of a charter school from restricting the number of students enrolled in a charter school; requiring the governing body of the charter school to determine capacity; specifying considerations; modifying type of funds that may be reserved; prohibiting charter schools from levying taxes or issuing bonds; allowing a charter school to enter into private contracts for certain purposes; and establishing responsibility for debt.