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Research Analysis

The measure allows a school district to change a school into a charter school when parents have a sufficient petition requesting to transition the school to a charter school. The school must keep the same attendance boundaries, serve the same grade levels as before and receive maintenance and transportation services from the school district. To qualify, schools must have received a D or F in the school ranking system for each of the two most recent grading years or received a D or F for two of the three most recent years if the most recent grade was a D or F. A sufficient petition must have signatures of the guardians of half the students plus one if student enrollment is an even number. If student enrollment is an odd number, the number required is half the number of enrollment plus one half. If sufficient signatures are gathered, the board of education will accept proposals to operate the school. A selection committee, consisting of four guardians who signed the petition and one member of the board of education, will select an operator. The State Board of Education member for the congressional district in which the district is located will select the guardians for the committee. The measure further outlines the process and an appeals process. School districts may be fined \$5,000 for any failures to meet deadlines. If a school is transitioned into a charter school, that will not be reversed within five years, unless the State Board of Education grants a waiver. Guardians of students in school districts that qualify also will have the right to petition for the termination of principals and assistant principals if the school district has an average daily membership of 5,000 students and which all or part of the school district is in a county with more than 500,000 in population.

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Fiscal Analysis

ESB 1001 creates the Parent Empowerment Act and allows certain school districts to request transition to a charter school. The measure has no fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None at this time.