

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1621</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Caldwell (Chad)</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The engrossed version of SB1621 creates the Statewide Charter School Board which will have the sole authority to authorize and sponsor all virtual and brick-and-mortar charter schools in the state. The Board will be composed of 9 members

Beginning July 1, 2023 the Statewide Charter School Board would succeed any contractual rights and responsibilities incurred by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, and any rights and responsibilities incurred by the State Board of Education in a charter school sponsorship. Any charter school that contracts with a school district, tribe, or institute of higher education may apply to the Statewide Charter School Board for sponsorship prior to the end of the current term of their contract.

The measure changes the term of a charter school contract from 5 years to 10 years and allows the Board to establish reasonable preopening requirements to monitor the start-up progress of newly approved charter schools.

Lastly, the measure repeals these sections of law:

[Section 3-135 - Sponsor Contract Guidelines](#)

[Section 3-145.1 - Statewide Virtual Charter School Board](#)

[Section 3-145.2 - Meetings - Quorum - Reimbursement](#)

[Section 3-145.3 - Powers and Duties](#)

[Section 3-145.4 - Authority to Promulgate Rules](#)

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**Fiscal Analysis**

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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