

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2070

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to charter schools; amending 70 O.S.  
8 2021, Sections 3-134, as last amended by Section 6,  
9 Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2023, and 3-137, as amended by  
10 Section 8, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp.  
11 2025, Sections 3-134 and 3-137), which relate to the  
12 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; adding requirements to  
13 charter school application; requiring certain review  
14 to be provided to certain governing board and posted  
15 on certain sponsor's website; providing contents of  
annual oversight and performance review; requiring a  
sponsor's performance report to include certain  
information; allowing the Statewide Charter School  
Board to suspend certain sponsor authority if a  
sponsor fails to take certain actions; requiring  
certain determination to identify certain  
deficiencies; updating statutory language; providing  
an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-134, as

20 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp.  
21 2025, Section 3-134), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 3-134. A. For written applications filed after July 1,  
23 2024, prior to submission of the application to a proposed sponsor  
24 seeking to establish a charter school or to the Statewide Charter

1 School Board to establish a virtual charter school, the applicant  
2 shall be required to complete training which shall not exceed ten  
3 (10) hours provided by the Statewide Charter School Board on the  
4 process and requirements for establishing a charter school or  
5 virtual charter school. The sponsor of a charter school that enters  
6 into a new or renewed sponsorship contract on or after July 1, 2024,  
7 shall be required to complete training provided by the Statewide  
8 Charter School Board or an organization approved by the Statewide  
9 Charter School Board on the oversight duties of the sponsor. The  
10 Board shall develop and implement the training and publish a list of  
11 organizations approved to provide training by July 1, 2024. The  
12 Board and organizations approved by the Board may provide the  
13 training in any format and manner determined to be efficient and  
14 effective including, but not limited to, web-based training.

15       B. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 3-137 of this  
16 title, an applicant seeking to establish a virtual charter school  
17 shall submit a written application to the Statewide Charter School  
18 Board, and an applicant seeking to establish a charter school shall  
19 submit a written application to the proposed sponsor as provided for  
20 in subsection E of this section. The application shall include:

21           1. A mission statement for the charter school or virtual  
22 charter school;

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1       2. A description including, but not limited to, background  
2 information of the organizational structure and the governing board  
3 of the charter school or virtual charter school;

4       3. A financial plan for the first five (5) years of operation  
5 of the charter school or virtual charter school and a description of  
6 the treasurer or other officers or persons who shall have primary  
7 responsibility for the finances of the charter school or virtual  
8 charter school. Such person shall have demonstrated experience in  
9 school finance or the equivalent thereof;

10      4. A description of the hiring policy of the charter school or  
11 virtual charter school;

12      5. The name of the applicant or applicants and requested  
13 sponsor;

14      6. A description of the facility and location of the charter  
15 school;

16      7. A description of the grades being served;

17      8. An outline of criteria designed to measure the effectiveness  
18 of the charter school or virtual charter school;

19      9. Documentation that the applicants completed training as set  
20 forth in subsection A of this section;

21      10. A description of the minimum and maximum enrollment planned  
22 per year for each term of the charter contract;

23      11. The proposed calendar for the charter school or virtual  
24 charter school and sample daily schedule;

1       12. Unless otherwise authorized by law or regulation, a  
2 description of the academic program aligned with state standards;

3       13. A description of the instructional design of the charter  
4 school or virtual charter school including the type of learning  
5 environment, class size and structure, curriculum overview, and  
6 teaching methods;

7       14. The plan for using internal and external assessments to  
8 measure and report student progress on the performance framework  
9 developed by the applicant in accordance with Section 3-136 of this  
10 title;

11       15. The plans for identifying and successfully serving students  
12 with disabilities, students who are English language learners, and  
13 students who are academically behind;

14       16. A description of cocurricular or extracurricular programs  
15 and how they will be funded and delivered;

16       17. Plans and ~~time lines~~ timelines for student recruitment and  
17 enrollment including lottery procedures;

18       18. The student discipline policies for the charter school or  
19 virtual charter school including those for ~~special education~~  
20 students with disabilities;

21       19. An organizational chart that clearly presents the  
22 organizational structure of the charter school or virtual charter  
23 school, including lines of authority and reporting between the  
24 governing board, staff, any related bodies such as advisory bodies

1 or parent and teacher councils, and any external organizations that  
2 will play a role in managing the school;

3       20. A clear description of the roles and responsibilities for  
4 the governing board, the leadership and management team for the  
5 charter school or virtual charter school, and any other entities  
6 shown in the organizational chart;

7       21. The leadership and teacher employment policies for the  
8 charter school or virtual charter school;

9       22. Proposed governing bylaws;

10       23. Explanations of any partnerships or contractual  
11 partnerships central to the operations or mission of the charter  
12 school or virtual charter school;

13       24. The plans for providing transportation, food service, and  
14 all other significant operational or ancillary services;

15       25. Opportunities and expectations for parental involvement;

16       26. A detailed school start-up plan that identifies tasks, ~~time~~  
17 lines timelines, and responsible individuals;

18       27. A description of the financial plan and policies for the  
19 charter school or virtual charter school including financial  
20 controls and audit requirements;

21       28. A description of the insurance coverage the charter school  
22 or virtual charter school will obtain;

23       29. Start-up and five-year budgets with clearly stated  
24 assumptions;

1       30. Start-up and first-year cash-flow projections with clearly  
2 stated assumptions;

3       31. Evidence of anticipated fundraising contributions, if  
4 claimed in the application;

5       32. A sound facilities plan including backup or contingency  
6 plans if appropriate;

7       33. A requirement that the charter school or virtual charter  
8 school governing board meet no fewer than ten (10) months of the  
9 year in the state and that for those charter schools outside of  
10 counties with a population of five hundred thousand (500,000) or  
11 more, that a minimum of two ~~(2)~~ members are residents within the  
12 geographic boundary of the charter school;

13       34. A requirement that the charter school or virtual charter  
14 school follow the requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and  
15 Oklahoma Open Records Act. Additionally, a charter school or  
16 virtual charter school shall:

17           a. include a designated public comment period during  
18           every regular meeting of the charter school or virtual  
19           charter school governing board,

20           b. post on its website procedures for how the charter  
21           school or virtual charter school responds to requests  
22           under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, and

23           c. submit an annual report to its sponsor regarding  
24           compliance with the provisions of this paragraph; and

1       35. A copy of any proposed contract between the governing board  
2 of a charter school or virtual charter school and an educational  
3 management organization, as defined by Section 5-200 of this title,  
4 which meets the requirements of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act.

5       C. A board of education of a public school district, public  
6 body, public or private college or university, private person, or  
7 private organization may contract with a sponsor to establish a  
8 charter school or virtual charter school. A private school shall  
9 not be eligible to contract for a charter school or virtual charter  
10 school under the provisions of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act.

11       D. The sponsor of a charter school is the board of education of  
12 a school district, a higher education institution, a private  
13 institution of higher learning accredited pursuant to Section 4103  
14 of this title, a federally recognized Indian tribe which meets the  
15 criteria established in Section 3-132 of this title, or beginning  
16 July 1, 2024, the Statewide Charter School Board. Any sponsor  
17 authorized pursuant to subsection A of Section 3-132 of this title  
18 may sponsor one or more charter schools. The physical location of a  
19 charter school sponsored by a board of education of a school  
20 district shall be within the boundaries of the sponsoring school  
21 district. The physical location of a charter school sponsored by  
22 the Statewide Charter School Board pursuant to paragraph 6 of  
23 subsection A of Section 3-132 of this title shall be in the school  
24 district in which the application originated.

1       E. 1. Beginning July 1, 2024, any application seeking to  
2 establish a charter school in this state shall be submitted first to  
3 the school district in which the proposed charter school is to be  
4 located. The school district board of education shall approve or  
5 deny the application within sixty (60) days of receipt of the  
6 application. If the charter school application is denied, nothing  
7 shall prohibit an applicant from submitting a revised application to  
8 the school district board of education, which shall approve or deny  
9 the revised application within sixty (60) days of receipt of the  
10 application.

11       2. An applicant for a charter school that has been denied  
12 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection may submit an application  
13 to a proposed sponsor listed in paragraphs 2 through 6 of subsection  
14 A of Section 3-132 of this title, which shall either accept or  
15 reject sponsorship of the charter school within ninety (90) days of  
16 receipt of the application. If the proposed sponsor rejects the  
17 application, it shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons  
18 for the rejection. The applicant may submit a revised application  
19 for reconsideration to the proposed sponsor within thirty (30) days  
20 after receiving notification of the rejection. The proposed sponsor  
21 shall accept or reject the revised application within thirty (30)  
22 days of its receipt.

23       3. Beginning July 1, 2024, an applicant for a virtual charter  
24 school shall submit an application to the Statewide Charter School

1 Board, which shall either accept or reject sponsorship of the  
2 virtual charter school within ninety (90) days of receipt of the  
3 application. If the application is rejected, the Statewide Charter  
4 School Board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons  
5 for the rejection. The applicant may submit a revised application  
6 for reconsideration to the Statewide Charter ~~school~~ School Board  
7 within thirty (30) days after receiving notification of the  
8 rejection. The Statewide Charter School Board shall accept or  
9 reject the revised application within thirty (30) days of its  
10 receipt.

11 F. A board of education of a school district, a higher  
12 education institution, a private institution of higher learning  
13 accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of this title, or a federally  
14 recognized Indian tribe shall notify the State Board of Education  
15 and the Statewide Charter School Board when it accepts sponsorship  
16 of a charter school. The notification shall include a copy of the  
17 charter of the charter school.

18 G. Applicants for charter schools and virtual charter schools  
19 proposed to be sponsored by the Statewide Charter School Board may,  
20 upon rejection of a revised application, proceed to binding  
21 arbitration under the commercial rules of the American Arbitration  
22 Association with costs of the arbitration to be borne by the  
23 applicant.

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1       H. If a board of education of a school district, a higher  
2 education institution, a private institution of higher learning  
3 accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of this title, or a federally  
4 recognized Indian tribe accepts sponsorship of a charter school, the  
5 administrative, fiscal, and oversight responsibilities of the school  
6 district, the higher education institution, the private institution  
7 of higher learning accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of this  
8 title, or the federally recognized Indian tribe shall be listed in  
9 the contract. No administrative, fiscal, or oversight  
10 responsibilities of a charter school shall be delegated to a school  
11 district unless the school district agrees to enter into a contract  
12 to assume the responsibilities.

13       I. A sponsor of a public charter school shall have the  
14 following powers and duties over charter schools it sponsors, and  
15 the Statewide Charter School Board shall have the following powers  
16 and duties over the charter schools and virtual charter schools it  
17 sponsors:

18       1. Provide services and oversight of the operations of charter  
19 schools or virtual charter schools in the state through annual  
20 oversight and performance reviews and reauthorization. The results  
21 of the annual oversight and performance review of a charter school  
22 or virtual charter school shall be provided to its governing board  
23 and posted on the sponsor's website. The annual oversight and  
24 performance review shall include:

1           a. an evaluation of the charter school's or virtual  
2           charter school's academic, operational, and financial  
3           performance,  
4           b. an annual performance evaluation of the charter school  
5           or virtual charter school superintendent or  
6           administrator, and  
7           c. administration of an anonymous annual climate and  
8           satisfaction survey of parents and legal guardians of  
9           students enrolled in the charter school or virtual  
10           charter school;

11           2. Solicit and evaluate charter applications;

12           3. Approve quality charter applications that meet identified  
13           educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices;

14           4. Decline to approve weak or inadequate charter applications;

15           5. Negotiate and execute sound charter contracts with each  
16           approved public charter school or virtual charter school;

17           6. Approve or deny proposed contracts between the governing  
18           board of a charter school or virtual charter school and an  
19           educational management organization, as defined by section Section  
20           5-200 of this title;

21           7. Monitor, in accordance with charter contract terms, the  
22           performance and legal compliance of charter schools and virtual  
23           charter schools; and

1       8. Determine whether each charter contract merits renewal,  
2 nonrenewal, or revocation.

3       J. Sponsors shall establish a procedure for accepting,  
4 approving, and disapproving charter school applications in  
5 accordance with subsection E of this section. The Statewide Charter  
6 School Board shall post its application, application process, and  
7 application time frames on the Board's website.

8       K. Sponsors including the Statewide Charter School Board shall  
9 develop and maintain chartering policies and practices consistent  
10 with recognized principles and standards for quality charter  
11 sponsoring in all major areas of sponsoring responsibility including  
12 organizational capacity and infrastructure, soliciting and  
13 evaluating charter school and virtual charter school applications,  
14 performance contracting, ongoing charter school and virtual charter  
15 school oversight and evaluation, and charter contract renewal  
16 decision-making.

17       L. Sponsors acting in their official capacity shall be immune  
18 from civil and criminal liability with respect to all activities  
19 related to a charter school with which they contract.

20       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-137, as  
21 amended by Section 8, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
22 Section 3-137), is amended to read as follows:

23       Section 3-137. A. An initial contract between a charter school  
24 or virtual charter school and its sponsor approved on or after July  
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1, 2024, shall be effective for five (5) years from the first day of  
operation. After completing an initial five-year term, a charter  
contract may be renewed for up to ten-year terms of duration,  
although the sponsor may vary the term based on the performance,  
demonstrated capacities, and particular circumstances of each  
charter school or virtual charter school. A sponsor may grant  
renewal with specific conditions for necessary improvements to a  
charter school or virtual charter school.

B. Prior to the beginning of the final year of the contract  
term of a charter school or virtual charter school, the sponsor  
shall issue a performance report and charter renewal application  
guidance to the charter school and its governing board or the  
virtual charter school and its governing board. The performance  
report shall summarize the performance record to date of the charter  
school or virtual charter school based on the data required by the  
Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, the annual performance framework  
evaluation, the annual oversight and performance review conducted  
pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection I of Section 3-134 of this  
title, a review of the contract with an educational management  
organization if the charter school or virtual charter school  
contracts with an educational management organization, and a review  
of the charter contract including the charter school's or virtual  
charter school's compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the  
Oklahoma Open Records Act, and other requirements of paragraph 34 of

1        subsection B of Section 3-134 of this title. The performance review  
2        shall take into consideration the percentage of at-risk students  
3        enrolled in the charter school or virtual charter school. The  
4        performance report shall provide notice of any weaknesses, concerns,  
5        violations, or deficiencies perceived by the sponsor concerning the  
6        charter school or virtual charter school that may jeopardize its  
7        position in seeking renewal if not timely rectified. If there are  
8        weaknesses, concerns, violations, or deficiencies the sponsor may  
9        require a charter school or virtual charter school to develop a  
10      corrective action plan and corresponding timeline to remedy any  
11      weaknesses, concerns, violations, or deficiencies. If the sponsor  
12      requires a corrective action plan, the charter school or virtual  
13      charter school shall have forty-five (45) days to respond to the  
14      performance report and submit any corrections or clarifications for  
15      the report. If the charter school or virtual charter school does  
16      not substantially complete the corrective action plan, the sponsor  
17      may choose to revoke or not renew the charter contract pursuant to  
18      the requirements of this section.

19            C. 1. Prior to the beginning of the final year of a charter  
20      contract term, the charter school or virtual charter school may  
21      apply for renewal of the contract with the sponsor including the  
22      Statewide Charter School Board. The renewal application guidance  
23      shall, at a minimum, provide an opportunity for the charter school  
24      or virtual charter school to:

1                   a. present additional evidence, beyond the data contained  
2                    in the performance report, supporting its case for  
3                    charter renewal,  
4                   b. describe improvements undertaken or planned for the  
5                    school, and  
6                   c. detail the plan for the next charter term for the  
7                    school.

8               2. The renewal application guidance shall include or refer  
9                explicitly to the criteria that will guide the renewal decisions of  
10               the sponsor, which shall be based on the performance framework set  
11               forth in the charter contract and consistent with the Oklahoma  
12               Charter Schools Act.

13               D. The sponsor may deny the request for renewal if it  
14               determines the charter school or virtual charter school has failed  
15               to complete the obligations of the contract or comply with the  
16               provisions of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. A sponsor shall  
17               give written notice of its intent to deny the request for renewal at  
18               least eight (8) months prior to expiration of the contract. In  
19               making charter renewal decisions, a sponsor shall:

20               1. Ground decisions on evidence of the performance of the  
21               charter school or virtual charter school over the term of the  
22               charter contract in accordance with the performance framework set  
23               forth in the charter contract and shall take into consideration the  
24               percentage of at-risk students enrolled in the school;

1       2. Grant renewal to charter schools or virtual charter schools  
2 that have achieved the standards, targets, and performance  
3 expectations as stated in the charter contract and are  
4 organizationally and fiscally viable and have been faithful to the  
5 terms of the contract and applicable law;

6       3. Ensure that data used in making renewal decisions are  
7 available to the school and the public; and

8       4. Provide a public report summarizing the evidence used as the  
9 basis for each decision.

10      E. If the Statewide Charter School Board denies a request for  
11 renewal, the Board may, if requested by the charter school or  
12 virtual charter school, proceed to binding arbitration as provided  
13 for in subsection G of Section 3-134 of this title.

14      F. A sponsor may terminate a contract during the term of the  
15 contract for failure to meet the requirements for student  
16 performance contained in the contract and performance framework,  
17 failure to meet the standards of fiscal management, violations of  
18 the law, or other good cause. The sponsor shall give at least  
19 ninety (90) days' written notice to the governing board of the  
20 charter school or virtual charter school prior to terminating the  
21 contract. The governing board may request, in writing, an informal  
22 hearing before the sponsor within fourteen (14) days of receiving  
23 notice. The sponsor shall conduct an informal hearing before taking  
24 action.

1       G. Beginning July 1, 2024, and subject to the provisions of  
2 this section, a charter school sponsor authorized by subsection A of  
3 Section 3-132 of this title with a charter contract that includes  
4 more than one charter school site may terminate or not renew a  
5 charter school contract for a specific charter school site.

6       H. 1. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the State Board  
7 of Education shall identify charter schools and virtual charter  
8 schools in the state that are ranked in the bottom five percent (5%)  
9 of all public schools as determined pursuant to Section 1210.545 of  
10 this title.

11       2. At the time of its charter renewal, based on an average of  
12 the current year and the two (2) prior operating years, a sponsor  
13 may close a charter school site or virtual charter school identified  
14 as being among the bottom five percent (5%) of public schools in the  
15 state. The average of the current year and two (2) prior operating  
16 years shall be calculated by using the percentage ranking for each  
17 year divided by three, as determined by this subsection.

18       3. If there is a change to the calculation described in Section  
19 1210.545 of this title that results in a charter school site or  
20 virtual charter school that was not ranked in the bottom five  
21 percent (5%) being ranked in the bottom five percent (5%), then the  
22 sponsor shall use the higher of the two rankings to calculate the  
23 ranking of the charter school site or virtual charter school.

1       4. A charter school or virtual charter school that is closed by  
2 its sponsor pursuant to this subsection shall not be granted a  
3 subsequent charter contract.

4       5. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a  
5 charter school or virtual charter school that has been designated by  
6 the State Department of Education as implementing an alternative  
7 education program.

8       6. In making a charter school site or virtual charter school  
9 closure decision, the sponsor shall consider the following:

- 10       a. enrollment of students with special challenges such as  
11            drug or alcohol addiction, prior withdrawal from  
12            school, prior incarceration, or other special  
13            circumstances,
- 14       b. high mobility of the student population resulting from  
15            the specific purpose of the charter school or virtual  
16            charter school,
- 17       c. annual improvement in the performance of students  
18            enrolled in the charter school or virtual charter  
19            school compared with the performance of students  
20            enrolled in the charter school or virtual charter  
21            school in the immediately preceding school year, and
- 22       d. whether a majority of students attending the charter  
23            school or virtual charter school under consideration  
24            for closure would likely revert to attending public

1 schools with lower academic achievement, as  
2 demonstrated pursuant to Section 1210.545 of this  
3 title.

4 7. If at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the charter schools  
5 chartered by one sponsor are closed within a five-year period  
6 pursuant to this subsection, the authority of the sponsor to sponsor  
7 new charter schools may be suspended by the Statewide Charter School  
8 Board until the Board approves the sponsor to sponsor new charter  
9 schools. A determination made pursuant to this paragraph shall  
10 identify the deficiencies that, if corrected, will result in the  
11 approval of the sponsor to sponsor new charter schools.

12 I. If a sponsor fails to conduct the annual oversight and  
13 performance review pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection I of  
14 Section 3-134 of this title or fails to review a charter school's  
15 compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open  
16 Records Act, and other requirements of paragraph 34 of subsection B  
17 of Section 3-134 of this title, the authority of the sponsor to  
18 sponsor new charter schools may be suspended by the Statewide  
19 Charter School Board until the Board approves the sponsor to sponsor  
20 new charter schools. A determination made pursuant to this  
21 subsection shall identify the deficiencies that, if corrected, will  
22 result in the approval of the sponsor to sponsor new charter  
23 schools.

1       J. If a sponsor terminates a contract or the charter school or  
2 virtual charter school is closed, the closure shall be conducted in  
3 accordance with the following protocol:

4       1. Within two (2) calendar weeks of a final closure  
5 determination, the sponsor shall meet with the governing board and  
6 leadership of the charter school or virtual charter school to  
7 establish a transition team composed of school staff, applicant  
8 staff, and others designated by the applicant that will attend to  
9 the closure including the transfer of students, student records, and  
10 school funds;

11       2. The sponsor and transition team shall communicate regularly  
12 and effectively with families of students enrolled in the charter  
13 school or virtual charter school, as well as with school staff and  
14 other stakeholders, to keep them apprised of key information  
15 regarding the closure of the school and their options and risks;

16       3. The sponsor and transition team shall ensure that current  
17 instruction of students enrolled in the charter school or virtual  
18 charter school continues per the charter contract for the remainder  
19 of the school year;

20       4. The sponsor and transition team shall ensure that all  
21 necessary and prudent notifications are issued to agencies,  
22 employees, insurers, contractors, creditors, debtors, and management  
23 organizations; and

1       5. The governing board of the charter school or virtual charter  
2 school shall continue to meet as necessary to take actions needed to  
3 wind down school operations, manage school finances, allocate  
4 resources, and facilitate all aspects of closure.

5       J. K. A sponsor including the Statewide Charter School Board  
6 shall develop revocation and nonrenewal processes that are  
7 consistent with the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act and that:

8       1. Provide the charter school or virtual charter school with a  
9 timely notification of the prospect of revocation or nonrenewal and  
10 of the reasons for possible closure;

11       2. Allow the charter school or virtual charter school a  
12 reasonable amount of time in which to prepare a response;

13       3. Provide the charter school or virtual charter school with an  
14 opportunity to submit documents and give testimony in a public  
15 hearing challenging the rationale for closure and in support of the  
16 continuation of the school at an orderly proceeding held for that  
17 purpose and prior to taking any final nonrenewal or revocation  
18 decision related to the school;

19       4. Allow the charter school or virtual charter school access to  
20 representation by counsel to call witnesses on its behalf;

21       5. Permit the recording of the proceedings; and

22       6. After a reasonable period for deliberation, require a final  
23 determination be made and conveyed in writing to the charter school  
24 or virtual charter school.

K. L. If a sponsor revokes or does not renew a charter contract, the sponsor shall clearly state in a resolution the reasons for the revocation or nonrenewal. If a charter is revoked or nonrenewed, the charter school or virtual charter school shall disclose the revocation or nonrenewal in any subsequent application.

5. M. If a charter contract is not renewed, the governing board of the charter school may submit an application to a proposed new sponsor as provided for in Section 3-134 of this title.

M. N. If a charter contract is not renewed or is terminated according to this section, a student who attended the charter school or virtual charter school may enroll in the resident school district of the student or may apply for a transfer in accordance with the Education Open Transfer Act.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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