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Bill Analysis

SB 1971 modifies the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. It requires a charter school application to include a requirement that charter school and virtual charter school governing boards include a designated public comment period, post Oklahoma Open Records Act procedures on its website, and submit to its sponsor an annual report about compliance with such requirements.

The bill also requires a sponsor to post on its website and provide to a charter school's governing board the results of an annual oversight and performance review. It requires the review to include an evaluation of the school's academic, operational, and financial performance; an annual performance evaluation of the school's superintendent or administrator; and administration of an anonymous annual climate and satisfaction survey of students' parents and legal guardians. It directs the survey to be administered in accordance with certain requirements. It directs the sponsor to take into consideration the results of the annual oversight and performance review in determining whether to renew the charter contract.

The measure states that if a sponsor fails to conduct such a review or fails to review a school's compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act, and other related requirements, the Statewide Charter School Board shall suspend the sponsor's authority to sponsor new charter schools. It allows the Board to remove the suspension if the sponsor takes certain corrective actions.

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