

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1269

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 33-5202A, IDAHO CODE,
TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN DESIGNATION SHALL BE MADE ONLY WITHIN A CER-
TAIN PERIOD OF TIME AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-5202A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

33-5202A. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context re-
quires otherwise:

(1) "Authorized chartering entity" means either the local board of
trustees of a school district in this state, or the public charter school
commission pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) "Charter" means the grant of authority approved by the authorized
chartering entity to the board of directors of the public charter school.

(3) "Founder" means a person, including employees or staff of a pub-
lic charter school, who makes a material contribution toward the establish-
ment of a public charter school in accordance with criteria determined by
the board of directors of the public charter school, and who is designated as
such at the time the board of directors acknowledges and accepts such contri-
bution. Provided however, that such designation shall be made only within
one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the initial day of educational in-
struction offered by such public charter school. The criteria for determin-
ing when a person is a founder shall not discriminate against any person on
any basis prohibited by the federal or state constitutions or any federal,
state or local law. The designation of a person as a founder, and the admis-
sion preferences available to the children of a founder, shall not consti-
tute pecuniary benefits.

(4) "Petition" means the document submitted by a person or persons to
the authorized chartering entity to request the creation of a public charter
school.

(5) "Professional-technical regional public charter school" means a
public charter secondary school authorized under this chapter to provide
programs in professional-technical education which meet the standards and
qualifications established by the division of professional-technical ed-
ucation. A professional-technical regional public charter school may be
approved by an authorized chartering entity and, by the terms of its char-
ter, shall operate in association with at least two (2) school districts.
Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33-5206(1), Idaho Code, partici-
pating school districts need not be contiguous.

(6) "Public charter school" means a school that is authorized under
this chapter to deliver public education in Idaho.

1 (7) "Traditional public school" means any school existing or to be
2 built that is operated and controlled by a school district in this state.

3 (8) "Virtual school" means a school that delivers a full-time, se-
4 quential program of synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction primarily
5 through the use of technology via the internet in a distributed environment.
6 Schools classified as virtual must have an online component to their school
7 with online lessons and tools for student and data management.