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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 321

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 20-24-3-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.280-2013, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 17. (a) The department shall assign a school corporation identification number for each ~~charter school established under this chapter.~~ **organizer granted a charter.**

(b) If an organizer assigned a school corporation identification number under subsection (a) consists of more than one (1) charter school, the department shall assign each charter school a separate school identification number.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** If a ~~charter school~~ **an organizer** assigned a school corporation identification number under subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** consists of more than one (1) campus, the department shall assign each ~~charter school~~ **charter school** campus in addition to the school corporation identification number under subsection ~~(a)~~; a separate school identification number.

SECTION 2. IC 20-24-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.91-2011, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), a charter school must enroll any eligible student who submits a timely application for enrollment.

(b) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the



program, class, grade level, or building. If a charter school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, each timely applicant must be given an equal chance of admission. The organizer must determine which of the applicants will be admitted to the charter school or the program, class, grade level, or building by random drawing in a public meeting.

(c) A charter school may limit new admissions to the charter school to:

(1) ensure that a student who attends the charter school during a school year may continue to attend the charter school in subsequent years; ~~and~~

(2) ensure that a student who attends a charter school during a school year may continue to attend a different charter school held by the same organizer in subsequent years; and
~~(2)~~ **(3) allow the siblings of a student who attends a charter school or a charter school held by the same organizer to attend the same charter school the student is attending.**

(d) This subsection applies to an existing school that converts to a charter school under IC 20-24-11. During the school year in which the existing school converts to a charter school, the charter school may limit admission to:

(1) those students who were enrolled in the charter school on the date of the conversion; and

(2) siblings of students described in subdivision (1).

SECTION 3. IC 20-24-7-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The organizer is the fiscal agent for the charter school.

(b) The organizer has exclusive control of:

(1) funds received by the charter school; and

(2) financial matters of the charter school.

(c) The organizer shall maintain accounts of all funds received and disbursed by the organizer. The organizer shall maintain separate accountings of all funds received and disbursed by ~~the each~~ **each** charter school **it holds**.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 20-43, an organizer that operates more than one (1) charter school may file, before July 1, 2014, a notice with the department that the organizer desires to receive the tuition support distributions for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, for all the charter schools the organizer operates. After the organizer's authorizer or authorizers verify to the department that the organizer operates the charter schools, the department shall



distribute the tuition support for the verified charter schools to the organizer. The organizer may distribute the tuition support distribution it receives to each charter school it operates in the amounts determined by the organizer. However, an organizer that receives money from the state under this subsection may not use any of the money received for expenses incurred outside Indiana that are not directly related to the charter school the organizer operates in Indiana.

(e) Organizers receiving tuition support under this section may submit a consolidated audit in accordance with guidelines established by the state examiner and submit any required financial reporting to the department in a manner prescribed by the state examiner. The state examiner shall establish guidelines and prescribe reporting requirements for organizers under this section that are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the needs of the department.

SECTION 4. IC 20-31-8-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. If the state board adopts a rule to assign a category or designation of school improvement to a school corporation, the state board shall also adopt a rule to assign a category or designation of school improvement to a charter school organizer.

SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

