

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in charter schools, further providing
6 for definitions and providing for Pennsylvania Charter School
7 Oversight Board.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1703-A of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended by adding a definition to read:

13 Section 1703-A. Definitions.--As used in this article,

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15 "Oversight Board" shall mean the Pennsylvania Charter School
16 Oversight Board established under section 1733-A.

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18 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

19 Section 1733-A. Pennsylvania Charter School Oversight
20 Board.--(a) The Pennsylvania Charter School Oversight Board is

1 established. The Oversight Board shall consist of the following
2 members:

3 (1) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the
4 Senate.

5 (2) The minority chairperson of the Education Committee of
6 the Senate.

7 (3) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the House
8 of Representatives.

9 (4) The minority chairperson of the Education Committee of
10 the House of Representatives.

11 (5) The secretary or a designee.

12 (6) A member of the State Board of Education.

13 (b) The Oversight Board shall elect one of its members to
14 serve as the chair.

15 (c) The Oversight Board shall hold meetings at the call of
16 the chair. A majority of the members of the Oversight Board
17 shall constitute a quorum. Each member may designate another
18 person to represent that member at meetings of the Oversight
19 Board. Meetings shall be conducted under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7
20 (relating to open meetings). Documents of the Oversight Board
21 shall be subject to the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),
22 known as the "Right-to-Know Law."

23 (d) Members of the Oversight Board shall receive no
24 compensation for their services.

25 (e) The Oversight Board shall have the following powers and
26 duties:

27 (1) Review applications submitted to a local board of school
28 directors for new charter schools located in a city of the first
29 class.

30 (2) Review denial of applications submitted to a local board

1 of school directors for new charter schools located in a city of
2 the first class.

3 (3) Review revocation or renewal by a local board of school
4 directors of charters located in a city of the first class.

5 (4) Review applications submitted by the State Charter
6 Appeal Board for new charter schools located in a city of the
7 first class.

8 (5) Review denials made by the State Charter School Appeal
9 Board for new charter schools located in a city of the first
10 class.

11 (6) Authorize charter schools located in a city of the first
12 class and support charter school quality and accountability
13 through performance monitoring and technical assistance.

14 (f) In order to carry out its powers and duties, the
15 Oversight Board shall:

16 (1) develop principles and standards or adopt the National
17 Association of Charter School Authorizers Principles and
18 Standards; and

19 (2) develop a method to ensure that charter schools are
20 sufficiently distributed throughout a school district while also
21 ensuring that a charter application is not denied solely on the
22 basis of geographic location.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

Referred to Committee on

Date _____ 20 _____

Reported _____ 20 _____

As Committed-Amended

Recommendation

By Hon. _____