Charter School Transfer Process provided in S126:

A charter school <u>must</u> obtain approval of its current authorizer <u>and</u> proposed new authorizer prior to an authorizer transfer using the following procedure:

By September 1st, a charter school must submit a written request to transfer to their current authorizer.

Transfer to be effective on July 1st the following year.

By October 31st, the proposed new authorizer shall issue a written decision approving or denying the request.

A copy shall be provided to the charter applicant, current authorizer, and the department before November 5th.

A proposed authorizer <u>may</u> deny a request to transfer for any reason but <u>shall</u> deny if it is determined the request to transfer is to avoid accountability.

By December 31st, the current authorizer shall issue a final decision approving or denying the request.

A current authorizer *shall* deny a request to transfer if it is prohibited by law, untimely, determined the request has been made to avoid accountability, or any other good cause (see below) to deny the transfer exists.

A charter school is entitled to have a public hearing before its current authorizer.

The final decision of the current sponsor is appealable to the ALC.

Good cause reasons for a current authorizer to deny a transfer include:

- Violations of the charter, contract, or applicable law.
- Receipt of the lowest performance level rating under the state/federal accountability system during the past 2 academic years.
- More than two transfer requests by the charter school within a 10-year period.
- The charter has operated less than two years with the current sponsor.