

Amendment: PE4

Representative Whitmire proposes the following amendment:

Section 1 – H630 Department of Education

New:

1.csa. (SDE: Charter School Accountability) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, Section 59-40-55(B)(11), relating to the requirement that a charter school sponsor shall permanently close any charter school at the conclusion of the school year that has received the lowest performance level rating on the federal accountability system for three consecutive years, is suspended. Charter school sponsors shall require the board of any charter school that would have been subject to this provision to submit a corrective action plan outlining academic achievement goals for students, with emphasis on providing support and remediation to those students scoring more than one grade level behind as indicated by the State summative assessment and the State-approved interim assessment used by the school. The plans must be submitted on a form prescribed by the sponsor and approved by the State Department of Education not later than August 1. Both the sponsor and the State Superintendent of Education shall review and approve a school's plan not later than September 5. Both the sponsor and the department shall allow schools to amend plans based on feedback during the review period of August 1 through September 5 to ensure continuous student growth and achievement.