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SB 1038: charter schools; state board; continuation.

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Overview

Continues the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS) for 8 years.

History

ASBCS is tasked with exercising general supervision over charter schools that it sponsors. Statute details the duties of ASBCS, which include: 1) recommending charter school legislation to the Legislature; 2) granting charter status to qualifying applicants for charter schools; and 3) adopting rules and policies necessary to accomplish its duties (A.R.S. §§ [15-182](#), [15-183](#)). As of FY 2023, ASBCS oversees 559 charter schools operated by 412 charter holders ([2023 ASBCS Annual Report](#)).

ASBCS consists of 14 members: the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI); 5 members of the general public (two of whom must reside in a school district where at least 60% of children are eligible for free lunches and one of whom must reside on an Indian reservation); 2 members of the business community; a charter school teacher; a charter school operator; and an operator of an alternative charter school that serves at-risk students. All members of ASBCS, excluding the SPI, are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve four-year terms. Additionally, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President jointly appoint three advisory members to ASBCS ([A.R.S. § 15-182](#)).

ASBCS is set to terminate on July 1, 2024 ([A.R.S. § 41-3024.15](#)). The House of Representatives Education Committee of Reference (COR) and Senate Education COR met jointly on December 6, 2023 to conduct a review of ASBCS and recommended that ASBCS be continued for 10 years ([House and Senate Education COR Report](#)).

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, ASBCS until July 1, 2032. (Sec. 2, 4)
2. Repeals ASBCS on January 1, 2033. (Sec. 2)
3. Contains a purpose statement. (Sec. 3)
4. Makes a conforming change. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

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