

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment
 2 Committee

3 Representative Valdés offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

6 Between lines 52 and 53, insert:

7 (17) FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a charter school,
 8 regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are in
 9 a basic program or a special program, the same as students
 10 enrolled in other public schools in a school district. Funding
 11 for a charter lab school shall be as provided in s. 1002.32.

12 (e) Sponsors shall make timely and efficient payment and
 13 reimbursement to charter schools, including processing paperwork
 14 required to access special state and federal funding for which
 15 they may be eligible, including the timely review and
 16 reimbursement of federal grant funds. Payments of funds under

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17 paragraph (b) shall be made monthly or twice a month, beginning
18 with the start of the sponsor's fiscal year. Each payment shall
19 be one-twelfth, or one twenty-fourth, as applicable, of the
20 total state and local funds described in paragraph (b) and
21 adjusted as set forth therein. For the first 2 years of a
22 charter school's operation, if a minimum of 75 percent of the
23 projected enrollment is entered into the sponsor's student
24 information system by the first day of the current month, the
25 sponsor shall distribute funds to the school for the months of
26 July through October based on the projected full-time equivalent
27 student membership of the charter school as submitted in the
28 approved application. If less than 75 percent of the projected
29 enrollment is entered into the sponsor's student information
30 system by the first day of the current month, the sponsor shall
31 base payments on the actual number of student enrollment entered
32 into the sponsor's student information system. Thereafter, the
33 results of full-time equivalent student membership surveys shall
34 be used in adjusting the amount of funds distributed monthly to
35 the charter school for the remainder of the fiscal year. The
36 payments shall be issued no later than 10 working days after the
37 sponsor receives a distribution of state or federal funds or the
38 date the payment is due pursuant to this subsection. With
39 respect to federal grant funds submitted for reimbursement, the
40 sponsor shall have 60 calendar days from the date of the
41 submission to reimburse the charter school if the submission

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42 provides all the necessary information to qualify for
43 reimbursement. If a warrant for payment is not issued within 10
44 working days after receipt of funding by the sponsor or within
45 60 calendar days after an approved submittal for reimbursement
46 of federal grant funds, the sponsor shall pay to the charter
47 school, in addition to the amount of the scheduled disbursement,
48 interest at a rate of 1 percent per month calculated on a daily
49 basis on the unpaid balance from the expiration of the 10
50 working days or 60 calendar days for the reimbursement of
51 federal grant funds, until such time as the warrant is issued.
52 The district school board may not delay payment to a charter
53 school of any portion of the funds provided in paragraph (b)
54 based on the timing of receipt of local funds by the district
55 school board.

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58 **D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

59 Remove line 19 and insert:

60 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (10), paragraph (e)
61 of subsection (17), paragraph (a)

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64 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

65 Remove line 4 and insert:

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66 | preference to specified students; requiring charter school
67 | sponsors to timely review and reimburse specified grant funds;
68 | requiring such funds to be reimbursed within a specified time
69 | period; providing for the payment of interest to charter schools
70 | under certain circumstances; requiring charter