

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1621 creates an 8-member Statewide Charter School Board to have the sole authority to authorize and sponsor charter schools and statewide virtual charter schools beginning July 1, 2023. The measure provides for membership of the board and requires appointments to be made by Aug. 31, 2022. It states that beginning July 1, 2023, charter schools and statewide virtual charter schools will be sponsored only by the Statewide Charter School Board, which shall succeed to any contractual rights and responsibilities incurred by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and any school district, technology center school district, accredited comprehensive or regional institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, community college, federally recognized Indian tribe or the State Board of Education in a charter school sponsorship contract executed prior to July 1, 2023. It creates the Statewide Charter School Board Revolving Fund. The bill modifies sections of law relating to charter schools to update and remove references and removes language allowing a charter school sponsor to retain up to 3% of a charter school's State Aid allocation for administrative services. The measure states that the Statewide Charter School Board will not charge any charter school or virtual charter school a fee for administrative or other services. The measure also repeals sections of law relating to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, current charter school sponsors, and current guidelines for charter school sponsorship.

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