



Choice & Innovation Subcommittee

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

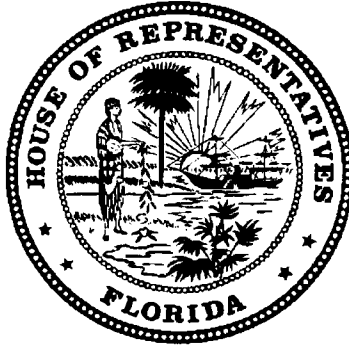
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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Meeting Packet

**Will Weatherford
Speaker**

**Michael Bileca
Chair**



AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Presentation on the implementation of HB 7009 regarding Charter Schools by The Department of Education – Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice
- IV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

HB7009 Implementation

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Adam Miller, Director
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Florida Department of Education (FDOE)

Florida Department of
EDUCATION

Major Areas

- Annual Authorizer Report
- Draft Applications
- Monthly Financial Statement
- Double “F” Waiver
- Charter School Websites
- Standard Charter Contract
- High- Performing (HP) School and System Verification
- District Innovation Schools of Technology

No FDOE Action Required

- Sponsor policies do not apply to charters
- Florida College System – K-12 charters
- District nonexclusive inter-local agreements
- Draft charter applications
- HP Charter Appeals
- Contract negotiation timelines
- Certificate of Occupancy deadlines
- Student academic achievement most important factor in renewal/termination decisions
- Restrictions on expenditures after notice of non-renewal or termination
- Clarification on duties related to teacher evaluation responsibilities and at-will employment
- Schools of choice compliance with class size
- Restriction on employees of school or management company (or spouse) serving on governing board
- HP charter capacity determined by governing board

Communications

- Legislative update webinar
 - June 20, 2013
 - HB7009 and all education related legislation
 - 171 participants
- HB7009 Summary
 - August 23rd
 - Distributed to all stakeholders (1824 people)

Annual Authorizer Report

- Requirements
 - Sponsor submits web-based annual report to include:
 - Number of draft applications received by May 1
 - Number of final applications received by August 1
 - Date each application was approved, denied, or withdrawn
 - Date each final contract was executed
 - FDOE compile and post annual report by Nov. 1
- Implementation
 - Web application deployed mid August
 - Technical assistance (webinar) on August 28th

Draft Charter Applications

- Requirements
 - Applicants may submit draft application by May 1
 - \$500 application fee
 - Receive feedback from Sponsor by July 1
- Implementation
 - Will go into effect during 2014 cycle

Monthly Financial Statement

- Requirements
 - Charter school shall provide sponsor with concise, uniform, monthly financial statement summary sheet that contains a balance sheet, statement of revenues and expenditures, and changes in fund balance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) format on a form prescribed by FDOE.
- Implementation
 - Rule development August 2013
 - Rule development workshop September 10th
 - Rule adoption October SBE meeting (projected)

Double “F” Waiver

- Requirements
 - Revised timeline to 15 days after FDOE’s official release of school grades for submitting to State Board of Education (SBE) a waiver of termination for two consecutive grades of “F”.
- Implementation
 - Rule Development May 2013.
 - Rule Making August 2013.
 - Rule Adoption September SBE Meeting.
- Implemented new timelines during rule development

Charter School Websites

- Requirements
 - Each charter school must maintain a website that enables the public to obtain information: academic performance, names of governing board members; programs at the school; any management companies, service providers, or education management corporations; annual budget and audit; school grade; governing board meeting minutes on a quarterly basis.
- Implementation
 - Webinar on website development: July 18th
 - 80+ participants

Standard Charter Contract

- Requirements
 - FDOE to develop a proposed statewide standard charter contract
 - FDOE to develop a definition of the term “management company”
 - Deliver by November 1, 2013 to Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House
- Implementation
 - Discussion with District School Board attorneys June 26
 - Requested and received current contract templates from districts
 - FDOE created hybrid- Draft 1.0
 - Distributed to charter stakeholders on July 19
 - Received suggested revisions on August 2
 - Consolidated suggested revisions- Draft 2.0
 - Distributed Draft 2.0 to Districts on August 16
 - Received suggested revisions on August 28
 - Consensus meeting scheduled for mid September

High Performing Verification

- Requirements
 - Commissioner to annually verify HP charter schools and HP charter school systems
- Implementation
 - Reviewed 144 HP schools
 - 20 schools declassified
 - 1 pending school grades appeal
 - 23 pending HS grades
 - Reviewed 4 HP systems
 - Sent request to all 4 systems requesting updated info
 - 3 responded

District Innovation Schools of Technology

- District operated school
- Purpose: Developing innovative use of industry-leading technology while requiring high student academic achievement and accountability, in exchange for flexibility
- School-wide blended learning
 - Student learns in part through online delivery of content and instruction
 - Some element of student control over time, place, path, or pace
 - In part at supervised brick and mortar location away from home

District Innovation School of Technology

- Eligibility
 - 20% enrollment in public school choice program or 5% in charter
 - “A” or “B” in each of past 3 years
 - No material weaknesses or instances of non-compliance noted in annual financial audit
- Apply to State Board of Education
- Upon approval, must enter into performance contract with SBE

District Innovation Schools of Technology

- Requirements
 - FDOE must create an application, evaluation instrument, and renewal instrument
- Implementation
 - Draft application reviewed internally
 - Draft shared with FADSS in September
 - Projected Timeline
 - Rule development November
 - Rule adoption February 2014

