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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1730

5 By: Representatives G. Hodges, A. Davis, Dotson, Evans, Gates, Lowery, Rushing, Sorvillo, Sullivan  
6 By: Senators M. Johnson, J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTER;  
10 TO ALLOW AN AUTHORIZER TO TRANSFER AND ASSIGN A  
11 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTER UNDER THE ARKANSAS  
12 QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO ALLOW AN AUTHORIZER TO TRANSFER AND  
18 ASSIGN A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTER  
19 UNDER THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER  
20 SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-23-105(a), concerning the authority of an  
26 authorizer to modify, revoke, or deny renewal of a public charter school's  
27 charter under the Arkansas Quality Charter Schools Act of 2013, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (a)(1) The authorizer may place a public charter school on probation  
30 or may modify, revoke, transfer, assign, or deny renewal of its charter if  
31 the authorizer determines that the persons operating the public charter  
32 school:

33 ~~(1)~~(A) Committed a material violation of the charter, including  
34 failure to satisfy accountability provisions prescribed by the charter;

35 ~~(2)~~(B) Failed to satisfy generally accepted accounting standards  
36 of fiscal management;





1 (i) Transfer to the department all state funds held  
 2 by the public charter school, which the department shall hold in  
 3 receivership; and

4 (ii) Provide to the department a detailed accounting  
 5 of all accounts payable due from the state funds and any additional  
 6 information or records requested by the department concerning the  
 7 disbursement of the state funds.

8 (B) The department shall hold funds received under  
 9 subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section in a separate fund and shall expend the  
 10 funds only with prior approval of the Commissioner of Education.

11 (C) If the State Board of Education reverses the  
 12 revocation, transfer, or assignment, the department shall return any funds  
 13 remaining in receivership to the public charter school.

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 15 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-23-701(a), concerning actions that the  
 16 Department of Education may take with respect to proposed or established  
 17 public charters, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The Department of Education is the designated public charter  
 19 authorizer with jurisdiction and authority over all public charters issued in  
 20 this state to take the following action on a proposed or established public  
 21 charter:

- 22 (1) Approve;
- 23 (2) Reject;
- 24 (3) Renew;
- 25 (4) ~~Non-renew~~ Nonrenew;
- 26 (5) Place on probation;
- 27 (6) Modify;
- 28 (7) Revoke; ~~or~~
- 29 (8) ~~Deny~~;
- 30 (9) Transfer; or
- 31 (10) Assign.

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 34 **APPROVED: 4/5/19**