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SENATE BILL 15-281

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Education

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, the state charter school institute (institute) must hold a public meeting to review an institute charter school's proposed school priority improvement plan or school turnaround plan before the plan is finally adopted. The bill requires the institute charter school to hold the public meeting and requires the institute to ensure that the institute charter school complies with the meeting requirements.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 30, 2015

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-520, **amend**
3 (2) (c); and **add** (2) (d) as follows:

4 **22-30.5-520. Parent engagement - policy - communications -**
5 **incentives.** (2) (c) The institute CHARTER SCHOOL shall hold a public
6 hearing after the plan is written to review the required plan ~~prior to~~
7 BEFORE final adoption. The institute CHARTER SCHOOL shall hold the
8 public hearing within the geographic boundaries of the school district in
9 which the institute charter school is located. The date of the public
10 hearing must be at least thirty days after the date on which the institute
11 charter school provides the written notice. A member of the school
12 accountability committee is encouraged to attend the public hearing.

13 (d) THE INSTITUTE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER
14 SCHOOL COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-402, **amend**
16 (1) (g) as follows:

17 **22-11-402. School accountability committee - powers and**
18 **duties - meetings.** (1) Each school accountability committee has the
19 following powers and duties:

20 (g) To publicize a public hearing held pursuant to section
21 22-32-142 (2), or, IF THE SCHOOL IS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, TO
22 PUBLICIZE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 22-30.5-520 (2), to review a written public school priority improvement
24 or turnaround plan. A member of the school accountability committee is
25 encouraged to attend the public hearing.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-405, **amend**
27 (2) (b) as follows:

1 **22-11-405. School priority improvement plan - contents.**

2 (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter
3 school shall hold a public meeting as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2)
4 to receive input concerning possible strategies to be included in the
5 school priority improvement plan, advise the institute concerning
6 preparation of the school priority improvement plan, and make
7 recommendations to the institute concerning the contents of the school
8 priority improvement plan, taking into account recommendations received
9 at the public meeting. The institute shall create and adopt the school
10 priority improvement plan, taking into account the advice and
11 recommendations of the school accountability committee. Before
12 adopting the school priority improvement plan, the institute shall ~~hold~~
13 ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HOLDS a public hearing to
14 review the written plan as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2).

15 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-406, **amend**
16 (2) (b) as follows:

17 **22-11-406. School turnaround plan - contents.** (2) (b) The
18 school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall hold
19 a public meeting as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2) to receive input
20 concerning possible strategies to be included in the school turnaround
21 plan, advise the institute concerning preparation of the school turnaround
22 plan, and make recommendations to the institute concerning the contents
23 of the school turnaround plan, taking into account recommendations
24 received at the public meeting. The institute shall create and adopt the
25 school turnaround plan, taking into account the advice and
26 recommendations of the school accountability committee. Before
27 adopting the school turnaround plan, the institute shall ~~hold~~ ENSURE THAT

1 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HOLDS a public hearing to review the
2 written plan as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2).

3 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.