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SENATE BILL 15-281

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kraft-Tharp, Rosenthal, Williams, Windholz.

CONCERNING PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

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

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

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

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

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

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

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

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

**22-11-405. School priority improvement plan - contents.** (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall hold a public meeting as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2) to receive input concerning possible strategies to be included in the school priority improvement plan, advise the institute concerning preparation of the school priority improvement plan, and make recommendations to the institute concerning the contents of the school priority improvement plan, taking into account recommendations received at the public meeting. The institute shall create and adopt the school priority improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. Before adopting the school priority improvement plan, the institute shall ~~hold~~ ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HOLDS a public hearing to review the written plan as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2).

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

**22-11-406. School turnaround plan - contents.** (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall hold a public meeting as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2) to receive input concerning possible strategies to be included in the school turnaround plan, advise the

institute concerning preparation of the school turnaround plan, and make recommendations to the institute concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan, taking into account recommendations received at the public meeting. The institute shall create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. Before adopting the school turnaround plan, the institute shall ~~hold~~ ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HOLDS a public hearing to review the written plan as required in section 22-30.5-520 (2).

**SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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