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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; allowing charter schools to change authorizers; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.10, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 5a. **Change in authorizer.** (a) A change in authorizers is allowed if a proposed
1.8 authorizer and a charter school in good academic and financial standing and not subject to
1.9 notice of nonrenewal or termination of the charter contract under subdivision 4 mutually
1.10 agree to enter into a new charter contract after the current charter contract expires. The
1.11 proposed authorizer and the school board must jointly submit to the commissioner a written
1.12 and signed letter of their intent to enter into a new charter contract. The authorizer that is a
1.13 party to the existing contract must inform the proposed authorizer about the fiscal,
1.14 operational, and student performance status of the school, including unmet contract outcomes
1.15 and other outstanding contractual obligations. The charter contract between the proposed
1.16 authorizer and the school must identify and provide a plan to address any outstanding
1.17 obligations from the previous contract.

1.18 (b) The proposed authorizer must submit to the commissioner an affidavit under section
1.19 124E.06, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), at least 90 business days before the existing charter
1.20 contract expires. The authorizer's affidavit shall be approved or disapproved by the
1.21 commissioner under section 124E.06, subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

1.22 (c) If the commissioner does not approve a change in authorizer, the school and the
1.23 current authorizer may enter into a new contract. If the commissioner does not approve a

- 2.1 change in authorizer and the current authorizer and the school do not enter into a new
- 2.2 contract, the school must be dissolved according to applicable law and the terms of the
- 2.3 current contract.