

1 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS

2 2013 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill modifies provisions regarding applying for and approving the establishment of  
10 a charter school.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires the State Charter School Board to request applications to establish a

13a ↗ charter school that employs new and creative methods to meet the unique learning styles  
13b and needs of students, such as a ↖ :

14 • military charter school;  
15 • charter school whose mission is to enhance learning opportunities for students at  
16 risk of academic failure; ↗ [and] ↖

17 • charter school whose focus is career and technical education;

17a ↗ • single gender charter school; or

17b • charter school with an international focus that provides opportunities for the  
17c exchange of students or teachers with foreign schools; ↖

18 ▶ ↗ [—allows] requires ↖ the State Charter School Board to request  
18a applications to establish other

19 charter schools that meet the unique learning styles and needs of students;

20 ▶ addresses procedures for applying for and approving a charter school;  
21 ▶ modifies provisions regarding the appropriation of funds for, or authorization of, an  
22 increase in enrollment capacity of charter schools by the Legislature; and  
23 ▶ makes technical amendments.

24 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

25 None

26 Other Special Clauses:

27 None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **53A-1a-502.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 139 and 414

31 ENACTS:

32 **53A-1a-501.9**, Utah Code Annotated 195333 

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34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*35 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-501.9** is enacted to read:36 **53A-1a-501.9. State Charter School Board to request applications for certain**  
37 **types of charter schools.**38 (1) To meet the unique learning styles and needs of students, the State Charter School  
39 Board shall seek to expand the types of instructional methods and programs offered by schools,  
40 as provided in this section.41 (2) (a) The State Charter School Board shall request individuals, groups of individuals,  
42 or not-for-profit legal entities to submit an application to the State Charter School Board to  
43 establish ~~H→~~ **a charter school that employs new and creative methods to meet the unique**  
43a **learning styles and needs of students, such as ←H :**44 (i) a military charter school;45 (ii) a charter school whose mission is to enhance learning opportunities for students at  
46 risk of academic failure; ~~H→~~ [or] ←H47 (iii) a charter school whose focus is career and technical education ~~H→~~ [;] ;47a **(iv) a single gender charter school; or**47b **(v) a charter school with an international focus that provides opportunities for the**  
47c **exchange of students or teachers. ←H**48 (b) In addition to a charter school identified in Subsection (2)(a), the State Charter  
49 School Board ~~H→~~ [may] shall ←H request applications for other types of charter schools that meet  
49a the unique  
50 learning styles and needs of students.51 (3) The State Charter School Board shall publicize a request for applications to  
52 establish a charter school specified in Subsection (2).53 (4) A charter school application submitted pursuant to Subsection (2) shall be subject  
54 to the application and approval procedures specified in Section 53A-1a-505.55 (5) The State Charter School Board and the State Board of Education may approve one  
56 or more applications for each charter school specified in Subsection (2), subject to the  
57 Legislature appropriating funds for, or authorizing, an increase in charter school enrollment  
58 capacity as provided in Section 53A-1a-502.5.