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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 65** SLS 26RS 210

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Conversion to charter schools		

SCHOOLS OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to the conversion of preexisting schools into charter schools. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation revises the process for converting an existing public school into a charter school by changing voting eligibility and approval requirements for faculty, staff, and parents or guardians. The bill requires approval by a simple majority of eligible faculty and staff voting and a simple majority of eligible parents or guardians voting, with specified eligibility criteria and secret ballot elections. It also requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules ensuring fair, transparent, and anonymous elections and mandates that all conversion elections follow those rules.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

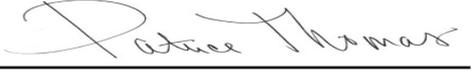
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation makes technical changes to the process by which votes to convert a public school to a charter school are conducted.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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