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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1672

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT
SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION IN ARKANSAS.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1672

Amend House Bill 1672 as originally introduced:

Page 8, line 4, delete "\$ 6-23-701" and substitute "\$ 6-23-701, with final approval of all decisions by the State Board of Education"

AND

Page 25, line 14, delete "charter" and substitute "charter and make a recommendation to the State Board of Education for a final decision"

AND

Page 25, delete lines 15 and 16, and substitute the following:

"(2) May recommend to the State Board of Education that it waive provisions of this title ~~or State Board of Education~~ and state board rules as allowed by law for public charters."

AND

Page 25, delete lines 20 through 23, and substitute the following:

"(e) The ~~division shall be the primary authorizer of public charters except as provided under § 6-23-703~~ state board may promulgate rules as necessary to administer this subchapter."



AND

Page 25, line 26, delete "Education ~~optional~~ appellate review" and substitute "Education ~~optional~~ review"

AND

Page 26, delete lines 27 through 35, and substitute the following:

"(a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall notify in writing the State Board of Education of all recommendations made by the charter authorizing panel before the next regularly scheduled state board meeting after a recommendation is made by the charter authorizing panel.

(b)(1) At its next meeting following notification by the division under subsection (a) of this section, the state board shall vote to accept or reject each recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel.

(2) If the state board votes to reject a recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel, the state board shall:

(A) Provide the specific reasons for its rejection and any additional information used as the basis for its rejection; and

(B)(i) Conduct a hearing at the earlier date of the next regularly scheduled state board meeting or a special state board meeting.

(ii) At the conclusion of a hearing under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section, the state board shall issue a final decision regarding a public charter school or an application to become a public charter school under this subchapter.

(c) A public charter school or an applicant to become a public charter school may appeal a recommendation of the charter authorizing panel to the state board by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Department of Education within fifteen (15) calendar days of the charter authorizing panel's recommendation."

The Amendment was read
By: Representative McCollum
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