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Synopsis of Legislation

Legislation Passed Both Houses with Last Action

For the week of December 03, 2017

HB 00768

Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch-Mary E. Flowers-William Davis, Ann M. Williams, Frances Ann Hurley, Sue Scherer, Jay Hoffman, Silvana Tabares, Camille Y. Lilly and LaToya Greenwood
(Sen. Linda Holmes, Terry Link, Cristina Castro, Steve Stadelman, Julie A. Morrison-Wm. Sam McCann, Kimberly A. Lightford, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Thomas Cullerton, Don Harmon-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Ira I. Silverstein, Daniel Biss, Pat McGuire-Bill Cunningham, Scott M. Bennett and Omar Aquino)

105 ILCS 5/27A-7.5

105 ILCS 5/27A-8

105 ILCS 5/27A-9

Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Removes provisions allowing the State Charter School Commission to reverse a school board's decision to deny, revoke, or not renew a charter; makes related changes. Provides that if a charter school applicant submits a proposal to a school board outside of the process adopted by that school board for receiving charter school proposals on an annual basis, the applicant shall not have any right to submit its proposal to the State Charter School Commission as otherwise authorized. In a provision concerning a charter school proposed to be jointly authorized by 2 or more school districts and the school boards unanimously denying the charter school proposal with a statement that the school boards are not opposed to the charter school, but that they yield to the Commission in light of the complexities of joint administration, allows the charter applicant to submit the proposal to the Commission and requires the Commission to follow the same process and be subject to the same timelines for review as a school board. Allows the Commission to approve an application for a charter if certain conditions are met. Provide that the Commission may condition approval of an application on the acceptance of funding in an amount less than requested. Provides that final decisions of the Commission are subject to judicial review under the Administrative Review Law. Provides that if the Commission approves an application for a charter school, then the Commission shall act as the authorized chartering entity. Provides that if the Commission is the authorized chartering entity, then the Commission shall execute a charter agreement (instead of approve the charter agreement). Provides that the Commission has no authority to approve a charter school proposal that has been denied by a school board. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)

This bill does not create a State mandate.

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