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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 397

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 397 as follows:

3 on page 9, line 2, after "Article.", by inserting "If a charter
4 school applicant submits a proposal to a local school board
5 outside of the process adopted by that local school board for
6 receiving charter school proposals on an annual basis, the
7 applicant shall not have any right to submit its proposal to
8 the Commission as otherwise authorized in subsections (d) and
9 (e) of this Section."; and

10 on page 9, line 24, after "proposal.", by inserting "Final
11 decisions of a local school board are subject to judicial
12 review under the Administrative Review Law."; and

13 on page 10, by replacing lines 20 through 26 with the
14 following:

15 "(h) The Commission may approve a charter school proposal

1 submitted to it in accordance with subsection (d), (e), or (i)
2 of this Section ~~The Commission may reverse a local school~~
3 ~~board's decision to deny a charter school proposal~~ if the
4 Commission finds that the proposal (i) is in compliance with
5 this Article and (ii) is in the best interests of the students
6 the charter school is designed to serve. Final decisions of the
7 Commission are subject to judicial review under the
8 Administrative Review Law."; and

9 on page 13, by replacing lines 13 through 26 with the
10 following:

11 " (e) The Commission may approve an application for a
12 charter submitted to it in accordance with this Article ~~Notice~~
13 ~~of a local school board's decision to deny, revoke or not to~~
14 ~~renew a charter shall be provided to the Commission and the~~
15 ~~State Board. The Commission may reverse a local board's~~
16 ~~decision~~ if the Commission finds that the charter school or
17 charter school proposal (i) is in compliance with this Article,
18 and (ii) is in the best interests of the students it is
19 designed to serve. The Commission may condition approval of a
20 charter school application ~~The Commission may condition the~~
21 ~~granting of an appeal~~ on the acceptance by the charter school
22 of funding in an amount less than that requested in the
23 proposal submitted to the local school board. Final decisions
24 of the Commission are ~~shall be~~ subject to judicial review under
25 the Administrative Review Law.

1 (f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, if
2 the Commission approves an application for a charter submitted
3 to it in accordance with this Article or ~~on appeal reverses a~~
4 local board's decision or"; and

5 on page 14, by replacing line 4 with the following:

6 "Commission shall execute a ~~approve the~~ charter agreement and
7 shall perform all"; and

8 on page 15, immediately below line 3, by inserting the
9 following:

10 "(i) The Commission has no authority under subsection (e)
11 of this Section to approve a charter school proposal that has
12 been denied by the local school board.".