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HB3185

Introduced 2/24/2011, by Rep. Timothy L. Schmitz - Anthony DeLuca

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27A-11.50 new

Creates the Glenwood Charter School, a residential charter school to serve behaviorally capable children from school districts throughout this State who are from low-income families and are at risk, by establishing a charter school through a public-private partnership involving the State Board of Education and the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, with the governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls serving as the governing body of the charter school. Sets forth provisions concerning the submission of a charter school proposal to the State Board, approval of the charter, the duties of the governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, charter school requirements, charter school admission and enrollment, transportation, funding, services provided by a school district, submissions to the State Board, and reporting requirements. Provides that the Glenwood Charter School shall begin operation starting with the 2011-2012 school year, and requires the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls to hold at least one public meeting prior to the commencement of the 2011-2012 school year within the school district of origin to inform the public of the terms and conditions of the charter school. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27A-11.50 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27A-11.50 new)

7 Sec. 27A-11.50. Glenwood Charter School.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article to
9 the contrary, there is created the Glenwood Charter School, a
10 residential charter school to serve behaviorally capable
11 children from school districts throughout this State who are
12 from low-income families and are at risk, by establishing a
13 charter school through a public-private partnership involving
14 the State Board and the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls,
15 with the governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and
16 Girls serving as the governing body of the charter school.

17 The governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and
18 Girls shall submit a charter school proposal to the State Board
19 in the form of a proposed contract to be entered into between
20 the State Board and the governing body of the charter school,
21 as provided under Section 27A-6 of this Code. The contract
22 shall comply with this Section and the other provisions of this
23 Article that are not in conflict with this Section. If the

1 State Board finds that the proposed contract complies with this
2 Section and the other provisions of this Article that are not
3 in conflict with this Section, it shall immediately certify
4 that the proposed contract complies with this Section and the
5 other provisions of this Article that are not in conflict with
6 this Section, approve the charter, and notify the school boards
7 of all school districts of that approval. Upon approval, the
8 State Board shall be the chartering entity for the charter
9 school. If the State Board finds that the proposal fails to
10 comply with this Section and the other provisions of this
11 Article that are not in conflict with this Section, it shall
12 refuse to certify the proposal and shall provide written
13 explanation, detailing its reasons for refusal, to the
14 governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, and
15 the governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls
16 shall amend and resubmit the proposal.

17 (b) The governing body of the Glenwood School for Boys and
18 Girls shall provide the facility needs of the Glenwood Charter
19 School; shall provide all fiscal, personnel, and
20 administrative management for the charter school; and shall
21 operate the residential component of the charter school.

22 (c) The Glenwood Charter School must meet strict academic
23 performance standards and other goals in its charter and must
24 successfully manage school finances and operations. Due to the
25 unique residential requirement of the charter school, students
26 must be provided with a safe, nurturing, and emotionally stable

1 environment at all times. Students must be able to live by the
2 code of conduct and behavioral expectations of the charter
3 school to ensure both academic outcomes and the safety of all
4 students.

5 (d) The Glenwood Charter School shall be open to all
6 behaviorally capable children in this State who are from
7 low-income families and are at risk. Admission is subject to
8 available classroom slots and residential slots. If necessary,
9 a standard lottery process open to children from any school
10 district must be used. However, enrollment preference must be
11 given to previously enrolled students, prior year students
12 within the charter school, and siblings of students enrolled at
13 the charter school, and students enrolled at the Glenwood
14 School for Boys and Girls during the 2011-2012 school year must
15 be offered positions in the charter school prior to the first
16 charter school lottery to fill any remaining positions.

17 The Glenwood Charter School shall seek to serve at-risk
18 students testing as much as 2 or 3 years behind grade level in
19 reading or mathematics. At the time of admission to the charter
20 school, families of students must demonstrate financial need by
21 being at or below the low-income threshold defined by the U.S.
22 Census Bureau to determine poverty status, as updated annually
23 for inflation by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S.
24 Department of Labor using the Consumer Price Index for All
25 Urban Consumers.

26 (e) The Glenwood Charter School shall provide student

1 transportation twice a week from an array of established
2 community-serving partner organizations within a 25-mile
3 radius of the charter school's main administrative office.
4 Outside of that radius, it is the responsibility of the
5 student's parents or guardian to arrange for transportation to
6 and from the charter school.

7 (f) A school district's per capita student funding
8 allocation shall follow a student of the Glenwood Charter
9 School from his or her school district of origin. The school
10 district of origin is responsible for providing special
11 education services and low-incident, high-cost services for
12 the charter school in the same amount and in a manner similar
13 to what the district would provide any other charter school.

14 The charter school shall have equitable operational
15 funding and equal access to all applicable State and federal
16 funding, including as provided under Section 27A-11 of this
17 Code, and the charter school shall receive State funding for
18 transportation under Article 29 of this Code.

19 (g) The Glenwood Charter School shall submit all of the
20 following to the State Board, prior to the charter school
21 opening:

22 (1) Certification that the charter and its school shall
23 comply with this Section and the other provisions of this
24 Article that are not in conflict with this Section.

25 (2) A description of the charter school's educational
26 program, pupil performance standards, curriculum, school

1 year, school days, and hours of operation.

2 (3) A description of the charter school's plan for
3 evaluating pupil performance, the types of pupil
4 performance standards, the timeline for achievement of
5 those standards, and the procedures for taking corrective
6 action in the event that pupil performance falls below
7 those standards.

8 (4) Evidence that the terms of the charter as proposed
9 are economically sound for both the charter school, school
10 districts, and this State.

11 (5) A proposed budget for the term of the charter, a
12 description of the manner in which an annual audit of the
13 financial and administrative operations of the charter
14 school is to be conducted, including any services provided
15 by the State Board or a school district, and a plan for the
16 displacement of pupils, teachers, and other employees of
17 the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls who will not attend
18 or be employed in the charter school.

19 (6) A description of the governance and operation of
20 the charter school, including the nature and extent of
21 parental, professional educator, and community involvement
22 in the governance and operation of the charter school.

23 (h) The State Board shall report the aggregate number of
24 students enrolled in the Glenwood Charter School to each
25 student's school district of origin and notify each such
26 district of the amount of funding to be paid by the State Board

1 to the charter school.

2 (i) The Glenwood Charter School shall maintain accurate
3 records of daily attendance that shall be deemed sufficient to
4 file claims under Section 18-8.05 of this Code, notwithstanding
5 any other requirements of Section 18-8.05 of this Code
6 regarding hours of instruction and teacher certification.

7 (j) The Glenwood Charter School shall begin operation
8 starting with the 2011-2012 school year. The Glenwood School
9 for Boys and Girls shall hold at least one public meeting prior
10 to the commencement of the 2011-2012 school year within each
11 admitted student's school district of origin to inform the
12 public of the terms and conditions of the charter school.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.