

SB2923



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27A-11

Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning local financing.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing Section
5 27A-11 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27A-11)

7 Sec. 27A-11. Local financing.

8 (a) For purposes of the ~~the~~ School Code, pupils enrolled in
9 a charter school shall be included in the pupil enrollment of
10 the school district within which the pupil resides. Each
11 charter school (i) shall determine the school district in which
12 each pupil who is enrolled in the charter school resides, (ii)
13 shall report the aggregate number of pupils resident of a
14 school district who are enrolled in the charter school to the
15 school district in which those pupils reside, and (iii) shall
16 maintain accurate records of daily attendance that shall be
17 deemed sufficient to file claims under Section 18-8
18 notwithstanding any other requirements of that Section
19 regarding hours of instruction and teacher certification.

20 (b) Except for a charter school established by referendum
21 under Section 27A-6.5, as part of a charter school contract,
22 the charter school and the local school board shall agree on
23 funding and any services to be provided by the school district

1 to the charter school. Agreed funding that a charter school is
2 to receive from the local school board for a school year shall
3 be paid in equal quarterly installments with the payment of the
4 installment for the first quarter being made not later than
5 July 1, unless the charter establishes a different payment
6 schedule.

7 All services centrally or otherwise provided by the school
8 district including, but not limited to, rent, food services,
9 custodial services, maintenance, curriculum, media services,
10 libraries, transportation, and warehousing shall be subject to
11 negotiation between a charter school and the local school board
12 and paid for out of the revenues negotiated pursuant to this
13 subsection (b); provided that the local school board shall not
14 attempt, by negotiation or otherwise, to obligate a charter
15 school to provide pupil transportation for pupils for whom a
16 district is not required to provide transportation under the
17 criteria set forth in subsection (a) (13) of Section 27A-7.

18 In no event shall the funding be less than 75% or more than
19 125% of the school district's per capita student tuition
20 multiplied by the number of students residing in the district
21 who are enrolled in the charter school.

22 It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding and
23 service agreements under this subsection (b) shall be neither a
24 financial incentive nor a financial disincentive to the
25 establishment of a charter school.

26 The charter school may set and collect reasonable fees.

1 Fees collected from students enrolled at a charter school shall
2 be retained by the charter school.

3 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Section, the
4 proportionate share of State and federal resources generated by
5 students with disabilities or staff serving them shall be
6 directed to charter schools enrolling those students by their
7 school districts or administrative units. The proportionate
8 share of moneys generated under other federal or State
9 categorical aid programs shall be directed to charter schools
10 serving students eligible for that aid.

11 (d) The governing body of a charter school is authorized to
12 accept gifts, donations, or grants of any kind made to the
13 charter school and to expend or use gifts, donations, or grants
14 in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the donor;
15 however, a gift, donation, or grant may not be accepted by the
16 governing body if it is subject to any condition contrary to
17 applicable law or contrary to the terms of the contract between
18 the charter school and the local school board. Charter schools
19 shall be encouraged to solicit and utilize community volunteer
20 speakers and other instructional resources when providing
21 instruction on the Holocaust and other historical events.

22 (e) (Blank).

23 (f) The State Board shall provide technical assistance to
24 persons and groups preparing or revising charter applications.

25 (g) At the non-renewal or revocation of its charter, each
26 charter school shall refund to the local board of education all

1 unspent funds.

2 (h) A charter school is authorized to incur temporary,
3 short term debt to pay operating expenses in anticipation of
4 receipt of funds from the local school board.

5 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-757, eff. 8-14-98;
6 91-407, eff. 8-3-99.)