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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/2009

SPONSOR Garcia, M.J. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Charter School Application Time Period SB 27/aSf1#1

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFL #1

Senate Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 27 changes the deadline for a charter school notification to be filed from January 1st of the year an application will be filed to the second Tuesday of January.

It appears the change will have no negative impact on the application process and will allow charter school organizers more than one day to file the notification.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 27 limits the period in which charter school applications may be submitted and establishes timelines for consideration of the application by chartering authorities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None Noted

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Bill 27 provides a series of timelines for charter schools to notify PED of their intent to apply for a charter, for submitting applications and for the department to consider and make a determination.

Current statute provides that the organizers of a charter school must notify the department of their intent to apply at least 180 days prior to the application with the actual application due by July 1st. The effect of this is that a rolling application is in place and the department, districts and the Public Education Commission (PEC) must meet at varying times to make decisions. SB-27 provides for a uniform time for submission of applications to chartering authorities and a uniform time for decision making.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The duties of the department would not change and no additional support would be required to implement the provisions of this bill.

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