

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0024

ENROLLED ACT NO. 15, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
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AN ACT relating to review of charter school applications; amending the timeline for authorizers to review charter school applications; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-307(b) and 21-3-308(a) are amended to read:

**21-3-307. Charter application; contents; phased-in application process.**

(b) Upon submission of an application under W.S. 21-3-307(a), the authorizer shall notify the applicant ~~within thirty (30) days of submission~~ whether the application is complete. If the authorizer determines that the application is incomplete, the authorizer shall advise the applicant of the reasons for the determination in sufficient detail for the applicant to make changes for resubmission of the application to the authorizer.

**21-3-308. Hearing by authorizer; prohibited actions by authorizer; criteria; compliance with state standards; contractual authority.**

(a) ~~Not later than sixty (60) days~~ After receiving an application for any charter school which has been determined to be complete pursuant to W.S. 21-3-307(b), the authorizer shall hold a public hearing on the application, at which time the authorizer shall consider the level of community and parental support for the application if an application for a new charter school, or the level of teacher and parental support if an application for a converted charter school or charter school within a school. The application review process shall also include an

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in-person interview of the applicant or applicant group. Following review of the application and the public hearing, if applicable, and in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, the authorizer shall either approve or deny the application within ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120) days of receipt. In addition, the authorizer may approve an application for the operation of a converted charter school only if it determines teacher and parental support for the conversion are established at the levels required by W.S. 21-3-306(b). Prior to approving an application for a charter school under this section, the authorizer shall approve and adopt the content and terms of the charter as provided in W.S. 21-3-307.

**Section 2.** This act shall apply to new charter school applications submitted on or after the effective date of this act.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk