

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0024

Review of charter school applications.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to review of charter school applications;
2 amending the timeline for authorizers to review charter
3 school applications; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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10 **21-3-307. Charter application; contents; phased-in**
11 **application process.**

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13 (b) Upon submission of an application under W.S.
14 21-3-307(a), the authorizer shall notify the applicant
15 ~~within thirty (30) days of submission~~ whether the
16 application is complete. If the authorizer determines that

1 the application is incomplete, the authorizer shall advise
2 the applicant of the reasons for the determination in
3 sufficient detail for the applicant to make changes for
4 resubmission of the application to the authorizer.

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6 **21-3-308. Hearing by authorizer; prohibited actions**
7 **by authorizer; criteria; compliance with state standards;**
8 **contractual authority.**

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10 (a) ~~Not later than sixty (60) days~~ After receiving an
11 application for any charter school which has been
12 determined to be complete pursuant to W.S. 21-3-307(b), the
13 authorizer shall hold a public hearing on the application,
14 at which time the authorizer shall consider the level of
15 community and parental support for the application if an
16 application for a new charter school, or the level of
17 teacher and parental support if an application for a
18 converted charter school or charter school within a school.
19 The application review process shall also include an
20 in-person interview of the applicant or applicant group.
21 Following review of the application and the public hearing,
22 if applicable, and in accordance with subsection (d) of
23 this section, the authorizer shall either approve or deny

1 the application within ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120)
2 days of receipt. In addition, the authorizer may approve an
3 application for the operation of a converted charter school
4 only if it determines teacher and parental support for the
5 conversion are established at the levels required by W.S.
6 21-3-306(b). Prior to approving an application for a
7 charter school under this section, the authorizer shall
8 approve and adopt the content and terms of the charter as
9 provided in W.S. 21-3-307.

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

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

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20 (END)