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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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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1 (b) Upon submission of an application under W.S.
2 21-3-307(a), the authorizer shall notify the applicant
3 ~~within thirty (30) days of submission~~ whether the
4 application is complete. If the authorizer determines that
5 the application is incomplete, the authorizer shall advise
6 the applicant of the reasons for the determination in
7 sufficient detail for the applicant to make changes for
8 resubmission of the application to the authorizer.

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10 **21-3-308. Hearing by authorizer; prohibited actions**
11 **by authorizer; criteria; compliance with state standards;**
12 **contractual authority.**

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

1 The application review process shall also include an
2 in-person interview of the applicant or applicant group.
3 Following review of the application and the public hearing,
4 if applicable, and in accordance with subsection (d) of
5 this section, the authorizer shall either approve or deny
6 the application within ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120)
7 days of receipt. In addition, the authorizer may approve an
8 application for the operation of a converted charter school
9 only if it determines teacher and parental support for the
10 conversion are established at the levels required by W.S.
11 21-3-306(b). Prior to approving an application for a
12 charter school under this section, the authorizer shall
13 approve and adopt the content and terms of the charter as
14 provided in W.S. 21-3-307.

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18 STAFF COMMENT
19 As currently drafted, the bill does not amend W.S.
20 21-3-305(f), which requires an authorizer to make a final
21 decision on renewal applications no later than thirty (30)
22 days after a charter school files a renewal application, as
23 it was not included in the drafting instructions.
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