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By Senators McAuliffe, Billig, Rolfes, Cleveland, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring charter schools to implement the
2 four-level evaluation systems for classroom teachers and principals;
3 and amending RCW 28A.710.040.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.710.040 and 2013 c 2 s 204 (Initiative Measure No.
6 1240) are each amended to read as follows:

7 (1) A charter school must operate according to the terms of its
8 charter contract and the provisions of this chapter.

9 (2) All charter schools must:

10 (a) Comply with local, state, and federal health, safety, parents'
11 rights, civil rights, and nondiscrimination laws applicable to school
12 districts and to the same extent as school districts, including but not
13 limited to chapter 28A.642 RCW (discrimination prohibition) and chapter
14 28A.640 RCW (sexual equality);

15 (b) Provide basic education, as provided in RCW 28A.150.210,
16 including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements
17 and participate in the statewide student assessment system as developed
18 under RCW 28A.655.070;

1 (c) Employ certificated instructional staff as required in RCW
2 28A.410.025: PROVIDED, That charter schools may hire noncertificated
3 instructional staff of unusual competence and in exceptional cases as
4 specified in RCW 28A.150.203(7);

5 (d) Comply with the employee record check requirements in RCW
6 28A.400.303;

7 (e) Implement the four-level evaluation systems for classroom
8 teachers and principals as required under RCW 28A.405.100;

9 (f) Adhere to generally accepted accounting principles and be
10 subject to financial examinations and audits as determined by the state
11 auditor, including annual audits for legal and fiscal compliance;

12 ~~((+f+))~~ (g) Comply with the annual performance report under RCW
13 28A.655.110;

14 ~~((+g+))~~ (h) Be subject to the performance improvement goals adopted
15 by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.130;

16 ~~((+h+))~~ (i) Comply with the open public meetings act in chapter
17 42.30 RCW and public records requirements in chapter 42.56 RCW; and

18 ~~((+i+))~~ (j) Be subject to and comply with legislation enacted after
19 December 6, 2012, governing the operation and management of charter
20 schools.

21 (3) Public charter schools must comply with all state statutes and
22 rules made applicable to the charter school in the school's charter
23 contract and are subject to the specific state statutes and rules
24 identified in subsection (2) of this section. Charter schools are not
25 subject to and are exempt from all other state statutes and rules
26 applicable to school districts and school district boards of directors,
27 for the purpose of allowing flexibility to innovate in areas such as
28 scheduling, personnel, funding, and educational programs in order to
29 improve student outcomes and academic achievement. Charter schools are
30 exempt from all school district policies except policies made
31 applicable in the school's charter contract.

32 (4) No charter school may engage in any sectarian practices in its
33 educational program, admissions or employment policies, or operations.

34 (5) Charter schools are subject to the supervision of the
35 superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education,
36 including accountability measures, to the same extent as other public

1 schools, except as otherwise provided in chapter 2, Laws of 2013.

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