State of Misconsin



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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 118.40 (2m) (a) and 118.40 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** high–performing charter schools authorized by school boards.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 118.40 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.40 (2m) (a) A school board may on its own initiative contract with a person to operate a school as a charter school. The contract shall include all of the provisions specified under sub. (1m) (b) and may include other provisions agreed to by the parties. The contract also shall include a provision allowing the governing board of the charter school to open one or more additional charter schools if all of the charter schools operated by the governing board were assigned to one of the top 2 performance categories in the most recent school and school district accountability report published under s. 115.385. If the charter school governing board opens one or more additional charter schools, the existing contract applies to the new school or schools unless the parties agree to amend the existing contract or enter into a new contract.

SECTION 2. 118.40(3)(a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.40 (3) (a) If the school board grants the petition under sub. (2), the school board shall contract with the person named in the petition under sub. (1m) (b) 1. to operate the school as a charter school under this section. The contract shall include all of the provisions specified in the petition and may include other provisions agreed to by the parties. The contract also shall include a provision allowing the governing board of the charter school to open one or more additional charter schools if all of the charter schools operated by the governing board were assigned to one of the top 2 performance categories in the most recent school and school district accountability report published under s. 115.385. If the charter school governing board opens one or more additional charter schools, the existing contract applies to the new school or schools unless the parties agree to amend the existing contract or enter into a new contract.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a contract that is entered into, renewed, or modified on the effective date of this subsection.

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."