



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

Memo No. 4

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

FROM: Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Draft Legislation to Authorize Additional Entities to Establish Charter Schools

DATE: December 11, 2006

The Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Charter Schools requested that the Legislative Council staff prepare a discussion draft for the committee to review at its December 19, 2006 meeting. It should be noted that the draft does not constitute a final decision by the committee; the draft is intended to generate and focus committee discussion on whether to permit additional authorizers for charter schools and to specify the provisions applicable to those authorizers.

The enclosed draft, WLC: 0030/1, for reference purposes, consists of the entire subsection of the statutes currently applicable to independent chartering entities, s. 118.40 (2r), Stats. Also shown, by underscoring, are additional possible authorizers of charter schools. For each new entity, a note follows the section providing further description or possible questions for the committee's consideration.

The draft also, by section notes, provides for additional decisions regarding the application of particular statutes to the new authorizing entities.

It should be noted that the draft does not modify the current statutes relating to charter schools contained in other subsections of s. 118.40, but rather addresses changes only in the provisions of s. 118.40 (2r) which relate to independent charter schools.

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Enclosure