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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the state finance law, in relation  
to charter schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2851 of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. An application to establish a charter school may be submitted by  
5 teachers, parents, school administrators, community residents or any  
6 combination thereof. Such application may be filed in conjunction with  
7 a college, university, museum, educational institution, not-for-profit  
8 corporation exempt from taxation under paragraph 3 of subsection (c) of  
9 section 501 of the internal revenue code or for-profit business or  
10 corporate entity authorized to do business in New York state. Provided  
11 however, for-profit business or corporate entities shall not be eligible  
12 to submit an application to establish a charter school pursuant to  
13 subdivision nine-a of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-two of this  
14 article, or operate or manage a charter school for a charter issued  
15 pursuant to subdivision nine-a of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-two  
16 of this article. For charter schools established in conjunction with a  
17 for-profit or not-for-profit business or corporate entity, the charter  
18 shall specify the extent of the entity's participation in the management  
19 and operation of the school.

20 § 2. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 2 of section 2851 of the education  
21 law, as added by chapter 4 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (h) The rules and procedures by which students may be disciplined[  
24 ~~including but not limited to expulsion or suspension from the school,~~  
25 ~~which shall be consistent with the requirements of due process and with~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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~~federal laws and regulations governing the placement of students with disabilities~~ shall be in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions two-a, three and three-a of section thirty-two hundred fourteen of this chapter. The charters of all charter schools that were issued on or before July first, two thousand twenty-five shall be deemed amended to require compliance with the procedures set forth in subdivisions two-a, three and three-a of section thirty-two hundred fourteen of this chapter.

§ 3. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 4 of section 2851 of the education law, as added by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The means by which the charter school will meet or exceed the enrollment [~~and retention targets as prescribed by the board of regents or the board of trustees of the state university of New York, as applicable, of students with disabilities, English language learners, and students who are eligible applicants for the free and reduced price lunch program which shall be considered by the charter entity prior to approving such charter school's application for renewal. When developing such targets, the board of regents and the board of trustees of the state university of New York shall ensure (1) that such enrollment targets are comparable to the enrollment figures of such categories of students attending the public schools within the school district, or in a city school district in a city having a population of one million or more inhabitants, the community school district, in which the charter school is located; and (2) that such retention targets are comparable to the rate of retention of such categories of students attending the public schools within the school district, or in a city school district in a city having a population of one million or more inhabitants, the community school district, in which the proposed charter school would be located~~] requirements of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-four of this article.

§ 4. Subdivision 2 of section 2852 of the education law, as amended by section 4-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, and the closing paragraph as amended by section 2 of part D-2 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2. An application for a charter school shall not be approved unless the charter entity finds in writing that:

(a) the charter school described in the application meets the requirements set out in this article and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations;

(b) the applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate the school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner;

(c) granting the application is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of this article;

(d) in a school district where the total enrollment of resident students attending charter schools in the base year is greater than five percent of the total public school enrollment of the school district in the base year (i) granting the application would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the proposed charter school [~~or~~] and (ii) the school district in which the charter school will be located consents to such application; and

(e) for applicants for an initial charter pursuant to paragraph (b-1) of subdivision nine of this section in a school district located in a city with a population of one million or more, the total enrollment of students attending charter schools within the community district in

1 which the charter school will be located in the base year is less than  
2 or equal to fifty-five percent of the total public school enrollment  
3 attending within such community district in the base year.

4 In reviewing applications, the charter entity is encouraged to give  
5 preference to applications that demonstrate the capability to provide  
6 comprehensive learning experiences to students identified by the appli-  
7 cants as at risk of academic failure. Upon making a determination of  
8 whether an application for a charter school shall be approved, the char-  
9 ter entity shall provide detailed written findings related to each of  
10 the requirements in this subdivision, which shall be made available to  
11 the charter school applicant, board of regents and the school district  
12 in which the proposed charter school would be located.

13 § 5. Subdivision 5 of section 2852 of the education law, as amended by  
14 chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

15 5. (a) Upon approval of an application by a charter entity, the appli-  
16 cant and charter entity shall enter into a proposed agreement allowing  
17 the applicants to organize and operate a charter school. Such written  
18 agreement, known as the charter, shall include [~~(a)~~] (i) the information  
19 required by subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-one of  
20 this article, as modified or supplemented during the approval process,  
21 [~~(b)~~] (ii) in the case of charters to be issued pursuant to subdivision  
22 nine-a of this section, information required by such subdivision, [~~(c)~~]  
23 (iii) a provision prohibiting the charter school from entering into,  
24 renewing or extending any agreement with a for-profit or not-for-profit  
25 corporate or other business entity for the administration, management or  
26 operation of the charter school unless the agreement requires such enti-  
27 ty to provide state and local officers having the power to audit the  
28 charter school pursuant to this article with access to the entity's  
29 records relating to the costs of, and fees for, providing such services  
30 to the school, (iv) any other terms or conditions required by applicable  
31 laws, rules and regulations, and [~~(d)~~] (v) any other terms or condi-  
32 tions, not inconsistent with law, agreed upon by the applicant and the  
33 charter entity. In addition, the charter shall include the specific  
34 commitments of the charter entity relating to its obligations to oversee  
35 and supervise the charter school. Within five days after entering into a  
36 proposed charter, the charter entity other than the board of regents  
37 shall submit to the board of regents a copy of the charter, the applica-  
38 tion and supporting documentation for final approval and issuance by the  
39 board of regents in accordance with subdivisions five-a and five-b of  
40 this section.

41 (b) No charter school having a charter that was issued and approved on  
42 or before the effective date of this paragraph shall enter into, renew  
43 or extend the duration of any agreement with a for-profit or not-for-  
44 profit corporate or other business entity for the administration,  
45 management or operation of the charter school unless the agreement  
46 requires such entity to provide state and local officers having the  
47 power to audit the charter school pursuant to this article with access  
48 to the entity's records relating to the costs of, and fees for, provid-  
49 ing such services to the school. Any agreement entered into, renewed or  
50 extended in violation of this section shall be null, void and wholly  
51 unenforceable, and a violation of this section shall be grounds for  
52 revocation or termination of a charter pursuant to section twenty-eight  
53 hundred fifty-five of this article.

54 § 6. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 9-a of section  
55 2852 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of subpart A of part  
56 B of chapter 20 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1 (i) that the proposed charter school would meet or exceed the enroll-  
 2 ment [~~and retention targets, as prescribed by the board of regents or~~  
 3 ~~the board of trustees of the state university of New York, as applica-~~  
 4 ~~ble, of students with disabilities, English language learners, and~~  
 5 ~~students who are eligible applicants for the free and reduced price~~  
 6 ~~lunch program. When developing such targets, the board of regents and~~  
 7 ~~the board of trustees of the state university of New York, shall ensure~~  
 8 ~~(1) that such enrollment targets are comparable to the enrollment~~  
 9 ~~figures of such categories of students attending the public schools~~  
 10 ~~within the school district, or in a city school district in a city~~  
 11 ~~having a population of one million or more inhabitants, the community~~  
 12 ~~school district, in which the proposed charter school would be located,~~  
 13 ~~and (2) that such retention targets are comparable to the rate of~~  
 14 ~~retention of such categories of students attending the public schools~~  
 15 ~~within the school district, or in a city school district in a city~~  
 16 ~~having a population of one million or more inhabitants, the community~~  
 17 ~~school district, in which the proposed charter school would be located]~~  
 18 requirements of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of  
 19 section twenty-eight hundred fifty-four of this article; and

20 § 7. Section 2853 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
 21 subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

22 2-b. In any case where a charter school enters into, renews or extends  
 23 any agreement with a for-profit or not-for-profit business or corporate  
 24 entity for the administration, management or operation of a charter  
 25 school, the charter school is required to have a formal contract with  
 26 such entity. Any such contract shall be reviewed and approved by the  
 27 charter entity.

28 § 8. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 2853 of the education  
 29 law, as amended by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read  
 30 as follows:

31 (a) A charter school may be located in part of an existing public  
 32 school building, in space provided on a private work site, in a public  
 33 building or in any other suitable location. Provided, however, before a  
 34 charter school may be located in part of an existing public school  
 35 building, the charter entity shall provide notice to the parents or  
 36 guardians of the students then enrolled in the existing school building  
 37 and shall hold a public hearing for purposes of discussing the location  
 38 of the charter school. All contracts entered into by such charter  
 39 school, or any education corporation organized to operate a charter  
 40 school, or any other public entity, including the state, a public bene-  
 41 fit corporation, municipal corporation, or any private entity acting on  
 42 behalf of any of these entities, involving the construction, recon-  
 43 struction, demolition, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation,  
 44 or alteration of any charter school facility shall be subject to the  
 45 requirements of section one hundred three of the general municipal law  
 46 and articles eight and nine of the labor law. A charter school may own,  
 47 lease or rent its space.

48 § 9. The opening paragraph and subparagraph 1 of paragraph (e) of  
 49 subdivision 3 of section 2853 of the education law, as added by section  
 50 5 of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as  
 51 follows:

52 [~~It~~] Except as provided in subparagraph seven of this paragraph, a  
 53 city school district in a city having a population of one million or  
 54 more inhabitants, charter schools that first commence instruction or  
 55 that require additional space due to an expansion of grade level, pursu-  
 56 ant to this article, approved by their charter entity for the two thou-

1 sand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year or thereafter and  
2 request co-location in a public school building and demonstrates to the  
3 city school district that the charter school does not have the financial  
4 capacity to procure adequate facilities shall be provided access to  
5 facilities pursuant to this paragraph for such charter schools that  
6 first commence instruction or that require additional space due to an  
7 expansion of grade level, pursuant to this article, approved by their  
8 charter entity for those grades newly provided.

9 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, within  
10 the later of (i) five months after a charter school's written request  
11 for co-location and (ii) provided that a charter school demonstrates  
12 that it lacks the financial capacity to procure adequate facilities,  
13 thirty days after the charter school's charter is approved by its char-  
14 ter entity, the city school district shall either: (A) offer at no cost  
15 to the charter school a co-location site in a public school building  
16 approved by the board of education as provided by law, or (B) offer the  
17 charter school space in a privately owned or other publicly owned facil-  
18 ity at the expense of the city school district and at no cost to the  
19 charter school for three years. The space must be reasonable, appropri-  
20 ate and comparable and in the community school district to be served by  
21 the charter school and otherwise in reasonable proximity.

22 § 10. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 2853 of the education  
23 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 7 to read as follows:

24 (7)(A) No charter school that, either alone or in combination with any  
25 charter affiliate, has any direct or indirect interest in, or may be  
26 entitled to receive any beneficial interest from, any asset or assets of  
27 any kind or nature that alone or combined have a value exceeding one  
28 million dollars, shall be offered or entitled to receive: (i) a co-lo-  
29 cation site in a public school building at no cost; or (ii) a space in a  
30 privately or publicly owned facility at the expense of the city school  
31 district.

32 (B) Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit a charter school from  
33 receiving a co-location in a public building at fair market value unless  
34 doing so would negatively impact the size of classes in any other school  
35 in the building.

36 (C) As used in this subparagraph the term "charter affiliate" means:  
37 (i) any entity that is directly or indirectly controlled by, in control  
38 of, or under common control with, the charter school or (ii) any entity  
39 that provides management, fundraising or other administrative support  
40 services to the charter school.

41 § 11. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 4 of section 2853 of the education  
42 law, as amended by section 1 of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of  
43 2014, is amended to read as follows:

44 (c) A charter school may contract with the governing body of a public  
45 college or university for the use of a school building and grounds, the  
46 operation and maintenance thereof. Any such contract shall provide such  
47 services or facilities at [~~cost~~] fair market value. [~~A school district~~  
48 ~~shall permit any charter school granted approval to co-locate, to use~~  
49 ~~such services and facilities without cost.~~]

50 § 12. Section 2853 of the education law is amended by adding three new  
51 subdivisions 5, 6 and 7 to read as follows:

52 5. Disclosure. (a) A charter school shall report:

53 (i) by the fifteenth day of February of each calendar year, the name,  
54 address and total compensation paid to each person serving as a charter  
55 executive in the previous calendar year; and

1 (ii) within thirty days of receipt, the name and address of any indi-  
2 vidual, corporation, association, or entity providing a contribution,  
3 gift, loan, advance or deposit of one thousand dollars or more to the  
4 charter school or charter affiliate and the amount of each such contrib-  
5 ution, gift, loan, advance or deposit.

6 (b) If a charter school either alone or together with any charter  
7 affiliate has any direct or indirect interest in, or may be entitled to  
8 receive any beneficial interest in, any asset or assets of any kind or  
9 nature, alone or together, with a value in excess of one million  
10 dollars, the charter school shall:

11 (i) ensure that the financial statements of the charter school and  
12 each charter affiliate conform to and are reported according to general-  
13 ly accepted accounting principles; and

14 (ii) ensure that the financial statements of the charter school and  
15 any charter affiliate are audited in accordance with generally accepted  
16 auditing standards by an independent certified public accountant or an  
17 independent public accountant, that such audit receives an "unqualified"  
18 opinion as to, among other things, compliance with generally accepted  
19 accounting principles and that such audit is completed within nine  
20 months of the conclusion of the fiscal year.

21 (c) If a charter school either alone or together with any charter  
22 affiliate has any direct or indirect interest in, or may be entitled to  
23 receive any beneficial interest in, any asset or assets of any kind or  
24 nature, alone or together, with a value in excess of one million  
25 dollars, it shall also report by the fifteenth day of February of each  
26 ensuing calendar year the following:

27 (i) the most recent audited financial statements of the charter school  
28 and any charter affiliate which shall conform to and be reported accord-  
29 ing to generally accepted accounting principles;

30 (ii) the most recent auditor's report on the financial statements of  
31 the charter school and any charter affiliate;

32 (iii) the "unqualified" opinion received from the auditor of the most  
33 recent financial statements as to, among other things, compliance with  
34 generally accepted accounting principles; and

35 (iv) any compensation or remuneration, whether paid or given, includ-  
36 ing but not limited to salary, bonus, and deferred compensation and any  
37 benefit having monetary value, including but not limited to, perqui-  
38 sites, fringe benefits, employer contributions to defined contribution  
39 retirement plans and other retirement or severance benefits received by  
40 a charter executive from any source.

41 (d) (i) Each report required by this subdivision shall be accompanied  
42 by a statement, under oath, by the chairperson of the school's board of  
43 trustees or other appropriate member of the board of trustees, that,  
44 after the due inquiry, the reports are true and correct to the best of  
45 such person's knowledge and have been provided to each member of the  
46 school's board of trustees.

47 (ii) A charter school to which paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivi-  
48 sion do not apply shall, by the fifteenth day of February of each calen-  
49 dar year, submit a statement as part of its report pursuant to subpara-  
50 graph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, under oath, by the  
51 chairperson of the school's board of trustees or other appropriate  
52 member of the board of trustees, that, after the due inquiry, the char-  
53 ter school either alone or together with any charter affiliate does not  
54 have any direct or indirect interest in or may be entitled to receive  
55 any beneficial interest in any asset or assets of any kind or nature,  
56 alone or together, with a value in excess of one million dollars.

1 (e) Any report required pursuant to this subdivision shall be made to  
2 the board of regents, the school's charter entity, and the comptroller  
3 of the city of New York for charter schools located in New York city and  
4 the comptroller of the state of New York for charter schools located  
5 outside of the city of New York. The commissioner shall ensure that such  
6 report is made publicly available via the department's official internet  
7 website within five days of its receipt.

8 (f) A charter school's failure to comply with the provisions of this  
9 subdivision shall be a very significant factor in determining whether  
10 the charter entity or the board of regents terminates the school's char-  
11 ter.

12 (g) As used in this subdivision:

13 (i) "total compensation" shall include: (A) any compensation or remun-  
14 eration, whether paid or given, by or on behalf of the charter school or  
15 any charter affiliate, for services rendered to, on behalf of, or at the  
16 request of the charter school, including but not limited to salary,  
17 bonus, and deferred compensation and (B) any benefit having monetary  
18 value provided by or on behalf of the charter school or any charter  
19 affiliate, including but not limited to, perquisites, fringe benefits,  
20 employer contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and  
21 other retirement or severance benefits.

22 (ii) "charter affiliate" means: (A) any entity that is, directly or  
23 indirectly, controlled by, in control of, or under common control with  
24 the charter school or (B) any entity or affiliate thereof that provides  
25 management, fundraising, or other administrative support services to the  
26 charter school.

27 (iii) "charter executive" means: (A) an officer, director, trustee,  
28 consultant, supervisory employee of a charter school or charter affil-  
29 iate or (B) anyone who exerts operational or managerial influence or  
30 control over the school including, but not limited to, influence or  
31 control over the school through a charter management company.

32 6. Executive compensation. (a) No charter school shall provide any  
33 compensation to any individual who is also an officer, director, trus-  
34 tee, consultant, or employee of a charter affiliate or to any individual  
35 who exerts operational or managerial influence or control over the  
36 school through a charter affiliate.

37 (b)(i) No charter school or charter affiliate shall permit the total  
38 compensation received by a charter executive to be greater than one  
39 hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars per annum, including not only state  
40 funds and state-authorized payments but also any other sources of fund-  
41 ing, and greater than the seventy-fifth percentile of that compensation  
42 provided to charter executives of other charter schools and charter  
43 affiliates within the same or comparable geographic area as established  
44 by a compensation survey identified, provided, or recognized by the  
45 department and the director of the division of the budget.

46 (ii) If the department and the director of the division of the budget  
47 find good cause after considering the factors set forth in subparagraph  
48 (iv) of this paragraph, a waiver of the limit on total compensation that  
49 a charter executive may receive may be granted, provided, however, that  
50 in no event shall the total compensation exceed one hundred fifty  
51 percent of Level I of the federal government's Rates of Basic Pay for  
52 the Executive Schedule promulgated by the United States Office of  
53 Personnel Management.

54 (iii) The application for a waiver must be filed no later than the  
55 fifteenth day of February of the year for which the waiver is sought.  
56 The application shall be transmitted in the manner and form specified by

1 the department and the director of the division of the budget. A waiver  
2 may be only for the single calendar year in which it is granted.

3 (iv) The following factors, in addition to any other deemed relevant  
4 by the department and the director of the division of the budget, shall  
5 be considered in the determination of whether good cause exists to grant  
6 a waiver:

7 (A) the extent to which the executive compensation that is the subject  
8 of the waiver request is comparable to that given to comparable charter  
9 executives of charter schools or charter affiliates of the same size and  
10 within the same or comparable geographic area;

11 (B) the extent to which the charter school would be unable to provide  
12 educational services at the same levels of quality and availability  
13 without a waiver of the limit on total compensation that a charter exec-  
14 utive may receive;

15 (C) the nature, size, and complexity of the charter school or charter  
16 affiliate's operations;

17 (D) the charter school or charter affiliate's review and approval  
18 process for the total compensation that is the subject of the waiver,  
19 including whether such process involved a review and approval by the  
20 board of trustees of the school, whether such review was conducted by at  
21 least two independent directors or independent members of the board of  
22 trustees, whether such review included an assessment of comparability  
23 data including a compensation survey, and a contemporaneous substanti-  
24 ation of the deliberation and decision to approve the total compen-  
25 sation;

26 (E) the qualifications and experience possessed by or required for the  
27 charter executive's position; and

28 (F) the charter school or charter affiliate's efforts, if any, to  
29 secure a charter executive with the same levels of experience, exper-  
30 tise, and skills for the position of the charter executive at lower  
31 levels of compensation.

32 (v) To be considered, an application for such a waiver shall comply  
33 with this paragraph in its entirety.

34 (vi) Unless additional information has been requested but not received  
35 from the charter school or charter affiliate, a decision on a timely  
36 submitted waiver application shall be provided no later than sixty  
37 calendar days after submission of the application.

38 (vii) If granted, a waiver to a charter executive shall remain in  
39 effect for the calendar year it is issued in, but shall be deemed  
40 revoked if:

41 (A) the total compensation that is the subject of the waiver  
42 increases; or

43 (B) notice of revocation is provided to the charter executive at the  
44 discretion of the department as a result of additional relevant circum-  
45 stances.

46 (viii) Information provided in connection with a waiver application  
47 shall be subject to public disclosure pursuant to article six of the  
48 public officers law.

49 (ix) Where a waiver is granted, the department shall make it publicly  
50 available via the department's official internet website within five  
51 days.

52 (c) No charter school shall use funds received pursuant to section  
53 twenty-eight hundred fifty-six of this article or allow a charter affil-  
54 iate to use funds received from the charter school to provide a total  
55 compensation to a charter executive greater than one hundred ninety-nine  
56 thousand dollars per annum.

1 (d) Failure to comply with the provisions of this subdivision shall  
 2 result in the assessment of a penalty against the payor in an amount  
 3 equal to the amount of compensation paid or provided in violation of  
 4 this subdivision.

5 (e) A charter school's failure to comply with the provisions of this  
 6 subdivision shall be a very significant factor in determining whether  
 7 the charter entity or the board of regents terminates the school's char-  
 8 ter.

9 (f) As used in this subdivision:

10 (i) "total compensation" shall include: (A) any compensation or remun-  
 11 eration, whether paid or given, by or on behalf of the charter school or  
 12 any charter affiliate, for services rendered to, on behalf of, or at the  
 13 request of the charter school, including but not limited to salary,  
 14 bonus, and deferred compensation and (B) any benefit having monetary  
 15 value provided by or on behalf of the charter school or any charter  
 16 affiliate, including but not limited to, perquisites, fringe benefits,  
 17 employer contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and  
 18 other retirement or severance benefits.

19 (ii) "charter affiliate" means: (A) any entity that is, directly or  
 20 indirectly, controlled by, in control of, or under common control with  
 21 the charter school or (B) any entity or affiliate thereof that provides  
 22 management, fundraising, or other administrative support services to the  
 23 charter school.

24 (iii) "charter executive" means: (A) an officer, director, trustee,  
 25 consultant, supervisory employee of a charter school or charter affil-  
 26 iate or (B) anyone who exerts operational or managerial influence or  
 27 control over the school including, but is not limited to, influence or  
 28 control over the school through a charter management company.

29 7. Notification of disenrollment. Within five business days of a  
 30 student who was enrolled by the charter school ceasing to be enrolled, a  
 31 charter school shall notify the superintendent of the district in which  
 32 the charter school is located or, for charter schools located within the  
 33 geographic area served by the city school district of the city of New  
 34 York, the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New  
 35 York, of the name of such student.

36 § 13. Subparagraph 5 of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 2853  
 37 of the education law, as amended by section 11 of part A of chapter 54  
 38 of the laws of 2016, clause (B) as amended by section 5 of part YYY of  
 39 chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

40 (5) For a new charter school whose charter is granted or for an exist-  
 41 ing charter school whose expansion of grade level, pursuant to this  
 42 article, is approved by their charter entity, if the appeal results in a  
 43 determination in favor of the charter school, for six years the city  
 44 school district shall pay the charter school (A) for the initial three  
 45 years in which aid is payable, an amount attributable to the grade level  
 46 expansion or the formation of the new charter school that is equal to  
 47 the lesser of:

48 [~~(A)~~] (i) the actual rental cost of an alternative privately owned  
 49 site selected by the charter school or

50 [~~(B)~~] (ii) thirty percent of the product of the charter school's basic  
 51 tuition for the current school year and [~~(i)~~] (I) for a new charter  
 52 school that first commences instruction on or after July first, two  
 53 thousand fourteen, the charter school's current year enrollment; or  
 54 [~~(ii)~~] (II) for a charter school which expands its grade level, pursuant  
 55 to this article, the positive difference of the charter school's enroll-

1 ment in the current school year minus the charter school's enrollment in  
 2 the school year prior to the first year of the expansion; and

3 (B) in the fourth year, the city school district shall pay ninety  
 4 percent multiplied by the amount calculated pursuant to clause (A) of  
 5 this subparagraph; and

6 (C) in the fifth year, the city school district shall pay sixty  
 7 percent multiplied by the amount calculated pursuant to clause (A) of  
 8 this subparagraph; and

9 (D) in the sixth year, the city school district shall pay thirty  
 10 percent multiplied by the amount calculated pursuant to clause (A) of  
 11 this subparagraph.

12 § 14. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2854 of the education  
 13 law, as amended by section 10-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of  
 14 2014, is amended to read as follows:

15 (b) A charter school shall meet the same health and safety, civil  
 16 rights, and student assessment requirements applicable to other public  
 17 schools, except as otherwise specifically provided in this article. A  
 18 charter school shall be exempt from all other state and local laws,  
 19 rules, regulations or policies governing public or private schools,  
 20 boards of education, school districts and political subdivisions,  
 21 including those relating to school personnel and students, except as  
 22 specifically provided in the school's charter or in this article. Noth-  
 23 ing in this subdivision shall affect the requirements of compulsory  
 24 education of minors established by part one of article sixty-five of  
 25 this chapter, nor shall anything in this subdivision affect the require-  
 26 ments of the charter school to comply with section one hundred three of  
 27 the general municipal law and articles eight and nine of the labor law  
 28 with respect to the construction, reconstruction, demolition, exca-  
 29 vation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, or alteration of any charter  
 30 school facility.

31 § 15. Subdivision 2 of section 2854 of the education law, as added by  
 32 chapter 4 of the laws of 1998, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 101  
 33 of the laws of 2010, and paragraph (b) as amended by section 3 of  
 34 subpart A of part B of chapter 20 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
 35 read as follows:

36 2. Admissions; enrollment; students. (a) A charter school shall be  
 37 nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices,  
 38 and all other operations and shall not charge tuition or fees; provided  
 39 that a charter school may require the payment of fees on the same basis  
 40 and to the same extent as other public schools. A charter school shall  
 41 not discriminate against any student, employee or any other person on  
 42 the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability or any  
 43 other ground that would be unlawful if done by a school. Admission of  
 44 students shall not be limited on the basis of intellectual ability,  
 45 measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, disability, race,  
 46 creed, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry; provided, howev-  
 47 er, that nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the  
 48 establishment of a single-sex charter school or a charter school  
 49 designed to provide expanded learning opportunities for students at-risk  
 50 of academic failure or students with disabilities and English language  
 51 learners; and provided, further, that the charter school shall demon-  
 52 strate good faith efforts to attract and retain [~~a-comparable~~] an equal  
 53 or greater enrollment of students with disabilities, English language  
 54 learners, and students who are eligible applicants for the free and  
 55 reduced price lunch program when compared to the enrollment figures for  
 56 such students in the school district in which the charter school is

1 located. A charter shall not be issued to any school that would be whol-  
2 ly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomi-  
3 nation, or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine would be  
4 taught.

5 (b) (i) Any child who is qualified under the laws of this state for  
6 admission to a public school is qualified for admission to a charter  
7 school. Applications for admission to a charter school shall be submit-  
8 ted on a uniform application form created by the department and shall be  
9 made available by a charter school in languages predominately spoken in  
10 the community in which such charter school is located. [~~The~~]

11 (ii) A charter school shall enroll and continually keep enrolled the  
12 minimum number of students in each of the following categories: (A)  
13 students who are English language learners as defined in regulations of  
14 the commissioner, (B) students who receive or are mandated to receive  
15 any special education service, (C) students who have individual educa-  
16 tion plans that mandate they receive services for at least sixty percent  
17 of the school day outside the general education setting, (D) students  
18 who are eligible to receive free lunch in accordance with title I of the  
19 elementary and secondary education act, and (E) students who reside in  
20 temporary or transitional housing. The minimum number of students a  
21 charter school must enroll and continually keep enrolled in each such  
22 category shall be the number of students that, as a percentage of the  
23 students authorized to be served by the charter school in its charter,  
24 is equal to the percentage of students in each category that non-charter  
25 public schools in the district where the charter school is located  
26 enrolled in the preceding June in all of the grades combined which are  
27 served by the charter school. For purposes of this subparagraph, for the  
28 city school district of the city of New York, district shall mean the  
29 community school district and shall include all non-charter public  
30 schools, except those in district seventy-five, geographically located  
31 in the community school district.

32 (iii) Prior to a charter school selecting or enrolling students for  
33 the next school year, the commissioner shall provide the charter school  
34 with the minimum number of students it must enroll and continually keep  
35 enrolled in each category pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this para-  
36 graph. The minimum number of students each charter school must enroll  
37 and continually keep enrolled in each category pursuant to subparagraph  
38 (ii) of this paragraph shall be made public by the commissioner no later  
39 than five business days after it has been provided to the charter  
40 school.

41 (iv) A charter school shall enroll each eligible student who submits a  
42 timely application by the first day of April each year[7] unless the  
43 number of applications exceeds the capacity of the grade level or build-  
44 ing or would cause the charter school to be below the minimum number of  
45 students it must enroll and continually keep enrolled in each category  
46 pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph. In such cases, students  
47 shall be accepted from among applicants by a random selection process,  
48 provided[~~7-however,~~] that separate random selection processes shall be  
49 conducted for students that are not in any category set forth in subpar-  
50 agraph (ii) of this paragraph and for students in each category set  
51 forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph such that a charter school  
52 enrolls at least the minimum number of students required pursuant to  
53 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

54 (v) Where a charter school does not enroll the minimum number of  
55 students it must enroll and continually keep enrolled in each category  
56 set forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the charter school

1 shall hold open a sufficient number of enrollment spaces such that it is  
2 possible for the charter school, consistent with its charter, to subse-  
3 quently enroll the number of students required by subparagraph (ii) of  
4 this paragraph.

5 (vi) A charter school may provide an enrollment preference [~~shall be~~  
6 ~~provided~~] to pupils returning to the charter school in the second or any  
7 subsequent year of operation and pupils residing in the school district  
8 in which the charter school is located, and siblings of pupils already  
9 enrolled in the charter school provided that the charter school enrolls  
10 and continually keeps enrolled the minimum number of students required  
11 in each category pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and  
12 holds open the number of enrollment spaces as required by subparagraph  
13 (v) of this paragraph. Preference may also be provided to children of  
14 employees of the charter school or charter management organization,  
15 provided that the charter school enrolls and continually keeps enrolled  
16 the minimum number of students required in each category pursuant to  
17 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and holds open the number of enroll-  
18 ment spaces as required by subparagraph (v) of this paragraph and  
19 provided further that such children of employees may constitute no more  
20 than fifteen percent of the charter school's total enrollment.

21 (vii) For purposes of this paragraph, if a student withdraws from a  
22 charter school as a result of a voluntary decision of the student's  
23 parent or guardian and, as a direct result, the charter school no longer  
24 has the minimum number of students in each category required pursuant to  
25 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the charter school shall neverthe-  
26 less be considered to have continually kept enrolled the minimum number  
27 of students required by subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph if, within  
28 thirty days of the student being withdrawn, the charter school replaces  
29 the student that was withdrawn with a different student such that the  
30 charter school has the minimum number of students in each category  
31 required pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, provided  
32 however, that this subparagraph shall not apply (A) if the charter  
33 school was already in violation of the requirements of subparagraph (ii)  
34 of this paragraph at the time the student was withdrawn or (B) if the  
35 decision of the student's parent or guardian was substantially motivated  
36 by any action or inaction of the charter school, or any of its agents or  
37 employees, that was in violation of any law, rule, or regulation.

38 (viii) (A) A charter school shall report the names of any parents or  
39 guardians of students who are on a waitlist for enrollment in the char-  
40 ter school to the superintendent of the district in which the charter  
41 school is located or, for charter schools located within the geographic  
42 area served by the city school district of the city of New York, the  
43 chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York, whether  
44 each such student is in one of the categories set forth in subparagraph  
45 (ii) of this paragraph and, if so, which one.

46 (B) A charter school that, at any time, does not have enrolled the  
47 minimum number of students required in each category pursuant to subpar-  
48 agraph (ii) of this paragraph shall notify the superintendent of the  
49 district in which the charter school is located or, for charter schools  
50 located within the geographic area served by the city school district of  
51 the city of New York, the chancellor of the city school district of the  
52 city of New York, within five days of the date of the school being below  
53 the minimum number of students. A separate notification shall be  
54 provided each time a charter school's enrollment falls below the minimum  
55 in any category pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

1 (C) Where the superintendent of the district or the chancellor of the  
2 city school district of the city of New York receives notification  
3 pursuant to clause (B) of this subparagraph, the superintendent shall  
4 first offer the enrollment spaces to any parents or guardians of  
5 students who are in a category in which the charter school is below the  
6 minimum set forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph who are on the  
7 school's waitlist, then to any parents or guardians of students who are  
8 in a category in which the charter school is below the minimum set forth  
9 in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph who are on the waitlist of another  
10 charter school in the district in which the charter school is located  
11 or, for charter schools located within the geographic area served by the  
12 city school district of the city of New York geographically located in  
13 the community school district, and then to any other parents or guardi-  
14 ans of students who are in a category in which the charter school is  
15 below the minimum set forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph who  
16 reside in the district; such process of enrollment offers shall continue  
17 until the charter school is no longer below such minimum in any category  
18 or such superintendent or chancellor certifies there are no such  
19 students seeking enrollment.

20 (D) Offers made pursuant to this subparagraph shall be made in writing  
21 in the parent or guardian's primary language. Where an offer is made  
22 pursuant to this subparagraph and the parent or guardian accepts, the  
23 charter school shall enroll the student within five calendar days of the  
24 offer being accepted.

25 (ix) (A) For each month during the school year, a charter school shall  
26 report the number of students then enrolled, as of the first day of the  
27 month, in each category set forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph  
28 and the number of students then enrolled, as of the first day of the  
29 month, that are in none of the categories set forth in subparagraph (ii)  
30 of this paragraph.

31 (B) Reports pursuant to this subparagraph shall be made to the board  
32 of regents, the school's charter entity, the comptroller of the city of  
33 New York for charter schools located in New York city and the comp-  
34 troller of the state of New York for charter schools located outside of  
35 the city of New York, and the superintendent of the district in which  
36 the charter school is located or, for charter schools located within the  
37 geographic area served by the city school district of the city of New  
38 York, the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New  
39 York. The commissioner shall ensure that such report is made publicly  
40 available via such department's official internet website within five  
41 days of its receipt.

42 (C) Reports pursuant to this subparagraph shall be made on the fifth  
43 day of the ensuing month during the school year and shall be accompanied  
44 by a statement, under oath, by the chairperson of the school's board of  
45 trustees or other appropriate member of the board of trustees, that,  
46 after the due inquiry, the reports are true and correct and have been  
47 provided to each member of the school's board of trustees.

48 (x) The commissioner shall establish regulations to require that the  
49 random selection [~~process~~] processes conducted pursuant to this para-  
50 graph be performed in a transparent and equitable manner and to require  
51 that the time and place of the random selection process be publicized in  
52 a manner consistent with the requirements of section one hundred four of  
53 the public officers law and be open to the public. [~~For~~] Except where  
54 another definition is provided, for the purposes of this paragraph and  
55 paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the school district in which the  
56 charter school is located shall mean, for the city school district of

1 the city of New York, the community district in which the charter school  
2 is located.

3 (xi) The commissioner may, by regulation, require the board of educa-  
4 tion of each school district or the chancellor of the city school  
5 district of the city of New York to provide such information as is  
6 necessary to calculate the minimum number of students a charter school  
7 must enroll and continually have enrolled pursuant to subparagraph (ii)  
8 of this paragraph. Such information shall be made public by the commis-  
9 sioner within five business days of receipt.

10 (xii)(A) If a charter school fails to enroll the number of students  
11 required by subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph the appropriate school  
12 district shall withhold from the charter school's funding an amount  
13 equal to the additional per pupil funding the charter school would have  
14 received had each student not enrolled as required by subparagraph (ii)  
15 of this paragraph been enrolled.

16 (B) Money withheld by the school district in accordance with this  
17 subparagraph shall be returned to the commissioner for distribution to  
18 each of the school districts, using an equitable formula determined by  
19 the commissioner, provided the charter school or schools from which the  
20 monies are withheld shall not be entitled to the return of any money  
21 withheld pursuant to this subparagraph or any additional monies as a  
22 result of the commissioner's distribution of funds pursuant to this  
23 subparagraph.

24 (xiii) (A) No charter school shall first commence instruction if it is  
25 operated by, managed by, affiliated with, in the same chain as, shares  
26 the same management company as, or has any common charter applicant as,  
27 a school that has been in violation, within the last two years, of the  
28 enrollment requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

29 (B) No charter school shall expand beyond the grades with enrolled  
30 students, even if such expansion is authorized by its charter, if it has  
31 been in violation, within the last two years, of the enrollment require-  
32 ments of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

33 (C) A charter school that does not have enrolled the minimum number of  
34 students as required by subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall not be  
35 offered or entitled pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision three of  
36 section twenty-eight hundred fifty-three of this article (1) a co-locat-  
37 ion site in a public school building at no cost or (2) space in a  
38 privately owned or other publicly owned facility at the expense of the  
39 city school district. A charter school that has already been co-located  
40 in a public school building or given space in a privately owned or other  
41 publicly owned facility pursuant to this paragraph and then fails to  
42 continually have enrolled the required minimum number of students shall  
43 be required to pay the fair market value of such space for such period  
44 of time of non-compliance.

45 (xiv) The provisions of this paragraph shall be enforceable by the  
46 commissioner or by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any employee of  
47 the school district in which the charter school is located or the parent  
48 or guardian of a student attending the district in which the charter  
49 school is located shall have standing to enforce the provisions of this  
50 paragraph.

51 (xv) A charter school's failure to comply with the provisions of this  
52 paragraph shall be a very significant factor in determining whether the  
53 charter entity or the board of regents terminates the school's charter.

54 (b-1) Prior to submission of enrollment counts to a school district  
55 pursuant to subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-six of  
56 this article, on or after October first of the two thousand twenty-five-

1 -two thousand twenty-six school year and October first of each school  
2 year thereafter, a charter school shall determine whether that school  
3 district is the school district of residence of each student for whom  
4 enrollment is claimed. Such residency determination shall be made in  
5 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner and the residency  
6 policy of the school district in which the charter school is located,  
7 provided that the charter school may fulfill such requirement by requir-  
8 ing that the parents or other persons in parental relation register  
9 their child with the school district they have identified as their  
10 school district of residence. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
11 law to the contrary, the parents or other persons in parental relation  
12 shall not be required to annually prove their continued residency,  
13 provided that they either annually certify to the charter school and the  
14 school district of residence that their residency has not changed or  
15 notify the charter school and the school district that their residency  
16 has changed and that a new school district of residence should be iden-  
17 tified pursuant to this paragraph. Upon making a residency determi-  
18 nation, a charter school making its own residency determination shall  
19 promptly submit its proof of residence to the school district identified  
20 as the district of residence for purposes of enrollment of the student  
21 in such school district in accordance with subdivision one of section  
22 twenty-eight hundred fifty-six of this article, and the provision of  
23 services pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred  
24 fifty-three of this article. In the event of a dispute over the residen-  
25 cy of a student, the school district shall make its own residency deter-  
26 mination pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner after consider-  
27 ing the proof of residency submitted by the charter school, and such  
28 determination may be appealed to the commissioner by the charter school  
29 or by the parent or other person in parental relation or both pursuant  
30 to section three hundred ten of this chapter. During the pendency of  
31 such appeal, the student shall be deemed enrolled in the school  
32 district, shall be entitled to services pursuant to subdivision four of  
33 section twenty-eight hundred fifty-three of this article, and the school  
34 district shall be liable for charter school tuition, provided that upon  
35 a final determination in such appeal that the student is not a resident  
36 of the school district, the school district may deduct the cost of such  
37 tuition and services from future payments due the charter school. The  
38 provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to charter schools located  
39 in a city having a population of one million or more.

40 (c) A charter school shall serve one or more of the grades one through  
41 twelve, and shall limit admission to pupils within the grade levels  
42 served. Nothing herein shall prohibit a charter school from establishing  
43 a kindergarten program.

44 (d) A student may withdraw from a charter school at any time and  
45 enroll in a public school. [~~A charter school may refuse admission to any  
46 student who has been expelled or suspended from a public school until  
47 the period of suspension or expulsion from the public school has  
48 expired, consistent with the requirements of due process~~]

49 (i) A student may only be disciplined, suspended or expelled from a  
50 charter school in accordance with the applicable provisions of subdivi-  
51 sions two-a, three, and three-a of section thirty-two hundred fourteen  
52 of this chapter. Every charter school shall develop a code of conduct in  
53 accordance with the provisions of section twenty-eight hundred one of  
54 this title.

55 (ii) Every charter school shall submit a detailed annual report  
56 regarding disciplinary measures imposed on students. The report shall be

1 submitted to the charter entity and the board of regents as part of the  
2 annual report required pursuant to subdivision two of section twenty-  
3 eight hundred fifty-seven of this article. The report shall be in a form  
4 prescribed by the commissioner, and shall include, but not be limited  
5 to, number of classroom removals, number of in-school suspensions,  
6 number of out-of-school suspensions, number of expulsions, and the  
7 action the student took that led to each disciplinary measure imposed.  
8 Such data shall be disaggregated by race/ethnicity, status as a student  
9 with a disability and status as an English language learner. The report  
10 shall be posted on the department's website.

11 (iii) For the purposes of this subdivision:

12 (A) the term "superintendent," "superintendent of schools," "district  
13 superintendent of schools," or "community superintendent," as used in  
14 subdivision three of section thirty-two hundred fourteen of this chap-  
15 ter, as such terms relate to charter schools shall mean the chairperson  
16 of the board of trustees of the charter school or the chief school offi-  
17 cer of the charter school; and

18 (B) the term "board of education" or "board," as used in subdivision  
19 three of section thirty-two hundred fourteen of this chapter, as such  
20 terms relate to charter schools shall mean the board of trustees of the  
21 charter school.

22 § 16. Subdivision 1 of section 2855 of the education law, as amended  
23 by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

24 1. The charter entity, or the board of regents, may terminate a char-  
25 ter upon any of the following grounds:

26 (a) When a charter school's outcome on student assessment measures  
27 adopted by the board of regents falls below the level that would allow  
28 the commissioner to revoke the registration of another public school,  
29 and student achievement on such measures has not shown improvement over  
30 the preceding three school years;

31 (b) [~~Serious violations~~] A violation of law;

32 (c) [~~Material and substantial~~] A violation of the charter[, ~~including~~  
33 ~~fiscal mismanagement~~];

34 (d) When the public employment relations board makes a determination  
35 that the charter school [~~demonstrates a practice and pattern of egre-~~  
36 ~~gious and intentional violations of~~] has violated subdivision one of  
37 section two hundred nine-a of the civil service law involving interfer-  
38 ence with or discrimination against employee rights under article four-  
39 teen of the civil service law; or the national labor relations board  
40 created pursuant to subchapter II of chapter seven of title twenty-nine  
41 of the United States Code, or any person or entity to whom the national  
42 labor relations board has lawfully delegated its authority, makes a  
43 determination that the charter school has violated section 158(a) of  
44 title twenty-nine of the United States Code; or

45 (e) [~~Repeated failure to comply with the requirement to meet or exceed~~  
46 ~~enrollment and retention targets of students with disabilities, English~~  
47 ~~language learners, and students who are eligible applicants for the free~~  
48 ~~and reduced price lunch program pursuant to targets established by the~~  
49 ~~board of regents or the board of trustees of the state university of New~~  
50 ~~York, as applicable. Provided, however, if no grounds for terminating a~~  
51 ~~charter are established pursuant to this section other than pursuant to~~  
52 ~~this paragraph, and the charter school demonstrates that it has made~~  
53 ~~extensive efforts to recruit and retain such students, including~~  
54 ~~outreach to parents and families in the surrounding communities, widely~~  
55 ~~publicizing the lottery for such school, and efforts to academically~~  
56 ~~support such students in such charter school, then the charter entity or~~

1 ~~board of regents may retain such charter.] Failure to comply with the~~  
2 requirements of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section twenty-eight  
3 hundred fifty-four of this article; or

4 (f) Failure to comply with the data reporting requirements prescribed  
5 in subdivisions two and two-a of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-sev-  
6 en of this article.

7 § 17. Subdivision 3 of section 2855 of the education law, as added by  
8 chapter 4 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

9 3. (a) In addition to the provisions of subdivision two of this  
10 section, the charter entity or the board of regents may place a charter  
11 school falling within the provisions of subdivision one of this section  
12 on probationary status to allow the implementation of a remedial action  
13 plan. The failure of a charter school to comply with the terms and  
14 conditions of a remedial action plan may result in summary revocation of  
15 the school's charter.

16 (b) A charter school that is placed on probationary status shall annu-  
17 ally notify the parents or guardians of all students and applicants of  
18 the placement. The initial notice shall be distributed within two weeks  
19 of being placed on probationary status. Such notice shall be written and  
20 delivered via mail. The department shall identify all charter schools on  
21 probationary status on the department's website and shall also post the  
22 remedial action plan.

23 § 18. Subdivision 4 of section 2855 of the education law, as added by  
24 chapter 4 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

25 4. (a) Any individual or group may bring a complaint to the board of  
26 trustees of a charter school alleging a violation of the provisions of  
27 this article, the charter, or any other provision of law relating to the  
28 management or operation of the charter school. If, after presentation of  
29 the complaint to the board of trustees of a charter school, the individ-  
30 ual or group determines that such board has not adequately addressed the  
31 complaint, they may present that complaint to the charter entity, which  
32 shall investigate and respond. If, after presentation of the complaint  
33 to the charter entity, the individual or group determines that the char-  
34 ter entity has not adequately addressed the complaint, they may present  
35 that complaint to the board of regents, which shall investigate and  
36 respond. The charter entity and the board of regents shall have the  
37 power and the duty to issue appropriate remedial orders to charter  
38 schools under their jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this  
39 section.

40 (b) At the beginning of each school year, a charter school shall  
41 provide the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the charter  
42 school information detailing the process by which a complaint can be  
43 brought against the charter school pursuant to paragraph (a) of this  
44 subdivision. In addition to detailing the process by which a complaint  
45 can be brought, the information provided shall include, but not be  
46 limited to the contact information for the board of trustees of the  
47 charter school in which the student is enrolled, the contact information  
48 for the charter entity of the charter school, and the contact informa-  
49 tion for the board of regents, if the board of regents is not the char-  
50 ter entity. Such information shall also be posted and updated annually  
51 on the charter school's website.

52 § 19. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 2856 of the education law are  
53 renumbered subdivisions 3 and 4 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read  
54 as follows:

55 2. In the event that in any school year a charter school receives  
56 combined payments from any local, state, or federal source that exceed

1 expenditures for such school year related to the operation of such char-  
2 ter school by seven percent, then any excess funds above such amount  
3 shall be returned proportionately to all school districts that have paid  
4 tuition to such charter school.

5 § 20. Subdivision 3 of section 2856 of the education law, as added by  
6 chapter 4 of the laws of 1998 and as renumbered by section nineteen of  
7 this act, is amended to read as follows:

8 3. (a) In the event of the failure of the school district to make  
9 payments required by this section, the state comptroller shall deduct  
10 from any state funds which become due to such school district an amount  
11 equal to the unpaid obligation. The comptroller shall pay over such sum  
12 to the charter school upon certification of the commissioner. The  
13 commissioner shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of  
14 this subdivision.

15 (b) At least thirty days prior to submission of a request for an  
16 intercept of state funds pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision,  
17 the charter school shall provide the school district of residence with a  
18 list of students whose tuition is proposed to be included in the inter-  
19 cept and documentation of any special education services provided by the  
20 charter school, the cost of which would be included in the intercept.  
21 If the school district objects to inclusion of the tuition or cost of  
22 services in the intercept, the school district shall provide the charter  
23 school with a written statement of its reasons for objecting to the  
24 intercept that identifies the students whose costs are in dispute and  
25 the charter school shall schedule a resolution session for the purpose  
26 of resolving the dispute, which shall be held within five business days  
27 of receipt of the school district's objection. Each party shall ensure  
28 that their representatives who attend the resolution are fully author-  
29 ized to bind the school district or charter school, and any agreement  
30 reached at the resolution session shall be final and binding upon both  
31 parties. In the event the school district does not notify the charter  
32 school of its objections within ten days of its receipt of the list of  
33 students or fails to participate in a resolution session, the school  
34 district shall be deemed to have waived its objections to the intercept  
35 and the charter school shall not be required to offer a resolution  
36 session. If the parties are unable to reach agreement at a resolution  
37 session, they may agree to schedule additional resolution sessions or,  
38 if one of the parties informs the other that agreement is not possible,  
39 the dispute may be raised by the district as a charter school complaint  
40 pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred fifty-five  
41 of this article, or, if the dispute concerns the residency of a student,  
42 an appeal may be brought pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision.  
43 The department shall not process an intercept for tuition or the cost of  
44 services of a student whose costs are in dispute until the charter  
45 school notifies the department that a resolution session has been held  
46 and no agreement has been reached, or that no resolution session is  
47 required because the school district failed to provide timely notice or  
48 failed to participate in a scheduled resolution session.

49 (c) In the event of a dispute over the residency of a student, the  
50 school district shall make its own residency determination pursuant to  
51 the regulations of the commissioner after considering the proof of resi-  
52 dency submitted by the charter school, and such determination may be  
53 appealed to the commissioner by the charter school or by the parent or  
54 other person in parental relation or both pursuant to section three  
55 hundred ten of this chapter. During the pendency of such appeal, the  
56 student shall be deemed enrolled in the school district, shall be enti-

1 bled to services pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-eight  
2 hundred fifty-three of this article, and the school district shall be  
3 liable for charter school tuition, provided that upon a final determi-  
4 nation in such appeal that the student is not a resident of the school  
5 district, the school district may deduct the cost of such tuition and  
6 services from future payments due the charter school.

7 § 21. Subdivision 2 of section 2857 of the education law, as amended  
8 by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended and a new subdivision 2-a  
9 is added to read as follows:

10 2. Each charter school shall submit to the charter entity and to the  
11 board of regents an annual report. Such report shall be issued no later  
12 than the first day of August of each year for the preceding school year  
13 and shall be made publicly available by such date and shall be posted on  
14 both the charter school's ~~[website]~~ and the department's websites. The  
15 annual report shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the  
16 commissioner and shall include at least the following components:

17 (a) a charter school report card, which shall include measures of the  
18 comparative academic and fiscal performance of the school, as prescribed  
19 by the commissioner in regulations adopted for such purpose. Such meas-  
20 ures shall include, but not be limited to, graduation rates, dropout  
21 rates, performance of students on standardized tests, college entry  
22 rates, total spending per pupil and administrative spending per pupil.  
23 Such measures shall be presented in a format that is easily comparable  
24 to similar public schools. In addition, the charter school shall ensure  
25 that such information is easily accessible to the community including  
26 making it publicly available by transmitting it to local newspapers of  
27 general circulation and making it available for distribution at board of  
28 trustee meetings~~[ ]~~;

29 (b) discussion of the progress made towards achievement of the goals  
30 set forth in the charter~~[ ]~~;

31 (c) a certified financial statement setting forth, by appropriate  
32 categories, the revenues and expenditures for the preceding school year,  
33 including a copy of the most recent independent fiscal audit of the  
34 school and any audit conducted by the comptroller of the state of New  
35 York~~[ ]~~;

36 (d) efforts taken by the charter school in the existing school year,  
37 and a plan for efforts to be taken in the succeeding school year, to  
38 meet or exceed the enrollment ~~[and retention targets set by the board of~~  
39 ~~regents or the board of trustees of the state university of New York, as~~  
40 ~~applicable, of students with disabilities, English language learners,~~  
41 ~~and students who are eligible applicants for the free and reduced price~~  
42 ~~lunch program established pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision four~~  
43 ~~of section twenty-eight hundred fifty one of this article.]~~ requirements  
44 of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section  
45 twenty-eight hundred fifty-four of this article;

46 (e) for any charter school that contracts with a management company or  
47 any other entity that provides services to the charter school, a  
48 detailed statement of services provided to the charter school by the  
49 management company and/or any other entity and the amount the charter  
50 school pays for such services. The department shall post the annual  
51 reports submitted by charter schools on the department's website; and

52 (f) a notice of any relationship that may exist between any member of  
53 a charter school's board of trustees or charter school staff and any  
54 for-profit or not-for-profit corporate or other business entity that is  
55 responsible for the administration, management or operation of such  
56 charter school or related vendor.

1 2-a. Each charter school shall post contact information for the  
2 school's board of trustees as well as the name and contact information  
3 of the school's charter entity on the website of the charter school.

4 § 22. Subdivision 7 of section 179-q of the state finance law, as  
5 added by chapter 166 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

6 7. "Not-for-profit organization" or "organization" means a domestic  
7 corporation incorporated pursuant to or otherwise subject to the not-  
8 for-profit corporation law, a charitable organization registered with  
9 the secretary of state, a special act corporation created pursuant to  
10 chapter four hundred sixty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred nine-  
11 ty-nine, as amended, a special act corporation formed pursuant to chap-  
12 ter two hundred fifty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as  
13 amended, a corporation authorized pursuant to an act of congress  
14 approved January fifth, nineteen hundred five, (33 stat. 599), as  
15 amended, a corporation established by merger of charitable organizations  
16 pursuant to an order of the supreme court, New York county dated July  
17 twenty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-six and filed in the department of  
18 state on July twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred eighty-six, or a corpo-  
19 ration having tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United  
20 States Internal revenue code, and shall further be deemed to mean and  
21 include any federation of charitable organizations. Provided, however,  
22 that a public educational entity within the meaning of section seventy-  
23 one of part C of chapter fifty-seven of the laws of two thousand four  
24 shall not be deemed a "not-for-profit organization" or "organization"  
25 for purposes of this article.

26 § 23. This act shall take effect immediately.