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Overview

Under current law, six distinct entities are authorized to serve as sponsors for one or more charter schools. This bill proposes also to allow up to five qualified charitable organizations to serve as charter school sponsors.

Section

- 1 Sponsor.** Authorizes the education commissioner to approve up to five qualified charitable organizations as charter school sponsors. Requires interested charitable organizations to submit to the commissioner: articles, bylaws and board membership; sources of financing; areas of specialization; other information requested by the department. Requires approved sponsors to annually report to the commissioner on the charter schools sponsored, the effectiveness of the charter schools in promoting student achievement, the governance structures of the charter schools, and other information requested by the department. Allows approved charitable organizations to sponsor one or more charter schools. Allows the commissioner to withdraw approval from a charitable organization that mismanages finances, violates the law, or other good cause and to authorize a different sponsor or students' enrollment in other schools.