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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Charter schools are generally eligible for state-paid start-up aid during their first and second year of operations. The start-up aid is equal to the greater of \$50,000 or \$500 times the number of pupils actually served by the charter school.

As part of the budget balancing activities of 2003, the legislature eliminated the state-paid charter school start-up aid for those charter schools that had their first year of operation in either fiscal year 2004 or 2005.

This bill restores state paid charter school start-up aid for the second year only for charter schools that began operating in fiscal year 2005 at a cost of about \$1.52 million.

### Section

- 1 Charter school start-up aid.** Amends the 2003 law that suspended state-paid charter school aid so that the aid was only suspended for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. This change allows a charter school that started in fiscal year 2005 to receive state-paid start-up aid in fiscal year 2006.
- 2 Appropriation.** Amends the charter school appropriation for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to include the added aid costs of paying charter school start-up for fiscal year 2006 to charter schools that began operations in fiscal year 2005.