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Overview

Allows a charter school authorizer to terminate a contract with a charter school demonstrating very poor student performance outcomes in the previous three consecutive school years.

Section

- 1** **Causes for nonrenewal or termination of charter school contract.** (e) Allows a charter school authorizer to terminate a contract with a charter school at the end of the current school year after notifying the charter school board of directors by December 1 if in each of the previous three consecutive school years the charter school was in the bottom 25th percentile of all schools that received a multiple measurements rating unless the school was in the top 75th percentile of all schools that received a “focus” rating in any of those previous three years under the federal 2012 No Child Left Behind Act waiver. Requires a charter school that does not terminate a charter school contract under this circumstance to publicly justify its decision to the education commissioner by December 1. Allows the commissioner to consider this decision when reviewing the authorizer’s performance. Declares the multiple measurements and focus ratings to be minimum conditions and not intended to prevent an authorizer from otherwise deciding to close a school. Excludes from the effect of this paragraph charter schools: that limit admission to students eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program; where 70 percent or more of enrolled students are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program; or where 50 percent or more of enrolled students are eligible students with disabilities.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2013, and applicable to multiple measurements and focus ratings from the 2010-2011 school year and later.