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Overview

Allows a school district authorizer of charter schools to submit a statement of assurances to satisfy certain requirements applicable to charter school authorizers. Requires the commissioner to minimize an authorizer's duplicative reporting. Prohibits the education commissioner from penalizing an authorizer for failing to charter additional schools or for the absence of complaints against the authorizer's chartered schools.

Section

1 Application content. (b) Allows a school district authorizer to satisfy the requirements for approval as an authorizer – demonstrating how chartering schools helps the applicant realize its mission and the applicant's capacity to serve as an authorizer – and requirements governing a conflict of interest, an ongoing evaluation, or continuing education by submitting a “statement of assurances” of legal compliance to the commissioner.

Makes this section effective immediately.

2 Review by commissioner. (a) Directs the education commissioner to review an authorizer's performance every five years, subject to paragraph (b).

(b) Requires the education commissioner to minimize duplicative reporting to the extent practicable. Directs the commissioner, when reviewing an authorizer's performance, not to (1) fail to credit, (2) withhold points, or (3) otherwise penalize an authorizer for failing to charter additional schools or for the absence of complaints against the authorizer's chartered schools.

Makes this section effective immediately.