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By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that
4 requirements governing the establishment and operations of public
5 charter schools have proven insufficient. These schools have
6 experienced a steady growth in student enrollment and often provide
7 valuable educational opportunities for families in communities across
8 Washington state.

9 (2) However, several of these schools have closed in the decade
10 since Washington voters authorized the establishment of charter
11 schools. As a result, students, parents, and staff in several Puget
12 Sound locations and in Walla Walla were left to make alternative
13 arrangements for school and work, unexpectedly and without adequate
14 notice, when their school closed. Furthermore, in one western
15 Washington school, the disappointment proved especially difficult as
16 the charter school opened and permanently ceased operations within
17 the span of a few months. Under no circumstances is a disruption of
18 this nature acceptable to the many students, families, and staff that
19 were profoundly impacted by the closure.

20 (3) The legislature also finds that the establishment and
21 operational challenges of some public charter schools are not limited
22 to school closures: Some public charter schools have failed to
23 properly and timely comply with teacher certification requirements,
24 but an additional reporting requirement for charter schools can
25 reinforce existing requirements and help to avoid any future
26 problems; some public charter school boards have demonstrated
27 ineffective leadership and oversight, leading to charter school
28 closures; and the charter school commission has authorized charter
29 schools that were not able to deliver sustained education services in
30 the manner set forth in their charter school application or charter
31 contract, as evidenced by multiple closures and the disruptions they
32 created for students, families, and staff.

1 (4) The legislature authorized the establishment of charter
2 schools in 2016 after the supreme court invalidated charter school
3 laws adopted through a voter initiative. As a result, the legislature
4 has an obligation to ensure that the responsibilities for the
5 oversight of charter public schools are clearly delineated and
6 adequate to ensure the highest standards of practices and public
7 accountability. The legislature is committed to ensuring all
8 authorized public charter schools in Washington are successful in
9 their mission to serve Washington students. The legislature,
10 therefore, intends to clarify responsibilities and increase the
11 accountability measures governing the effective delivery and
12 oversight of public education services to public charter school
13 students.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.710.030 and 2016 c 241 s 103 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) To fulfill its duty to manage and operate the charter school,
17 and to execute the terms of its charter contract, a charter school
18 board may:

19 (a) Hire, manage, and discharge charter school employees in
20 accordance with the terms of this chapter and the school's charter
21 contract;

22 (b) Receive and disburse funds for the purposes of the charter
23 school;

24 (c) Enter into contracts with any school district, educational
25 service district, or other public or private entity for the provision
26 of real property, equipment, goods, supplies, and services, including
27 educational instructional services, pupil transportation services,
28 and for the management and operation of the charter school, provided
29 the charter school board maintains oversight authority over the
30 charter school. Contracts for management operation of the charter
31 school may only be with nonprofit organizations;

32 (d) Rent, lease, purchase, or own real property. All charter
33 contracts and contracts with other entities must include provisions
34 regarding the disposition of the property if the charter school fails
35 to open as planned or closes, or if the charter contract is revoked
36 or not renewed;

37 (e) Issue secured and unsecured debt, including pledging,
38 assigning, or encumbering its assets to be used as collateral for
39 loans or extensions of credit to manage cash flow, improve

1 operations, or finance the acquisition of real property or equipment.
2 However, the charter public school may not pledge, assign, or
3 encumber any public funds received or to be received pursuant to RCW
4 28A.710.220. Debt issued under this subsection (1)(e) is not a
5 general, special, or moral obligation of the state, the charter
6 school authorizer, the school district in which the charter school is
7 located, or any other political subdivision or agency of the state.
8 Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the state,
9 or any political subdivision or agency of the state, may be pledged
10 for the payment of the debt;

11 (f) Solicit, accept, and administer for the benefit of the
12 charter school and its students, gifts, grants, and donations from
13 individuals, or public or private entities, excluding sectarian or
14 religious organizations. A charter school board may not accept any
15 gifts or donations that violate this chapter or other state laws; and

16 (g) Issue diplomas to students who meet state high school
17 graduation requirements established under RCW 28A.230.090. A charter
18 school board may establish additional graduation requirements.

19 (2) A charter school board must (~~contract for an independent~~
20 ~~performance~~) obtain an accountability audit of the school to be
21 conducted: (a) The second year immediately following the school's
22 first full school year of operation; and (b) at least every three
23 years thereafter. (~~The performance audit must be conducted in~~
24 ~~accordance with United States general accounting office government~~
25 ~~auditing standards. A performance~~) An audit in compliance with this
26 section does not inhibit the state auditor's office from conducting a
27 performance audit of the school.

28 (3) A charter school board may not levy taxes or issue tax-backed
29 bonds.

30 (4) A charter school board may not acquire property by eminent
31 domain.

32 (5) A charter school board, through website postings and written
33 notice with receipt acknowledged by signature of the recipient, must
34 advise families of new, ongoing, and prospective students of any
35 ongoing litigation challenging the constitutionality of charter
36 schools or that may require charter schools to cease operations.

37 (6) Each charter school board shall ensure that its members and
38 administrative staff receive annual training to support the effective
39 operation and oversight of the charter school, including compliance
40 with requirements governing the employment of properly credentialed

1 instructional staff, compliance with the requirements of chapters
2 42.30 and 42.56 RCW, and the permitted uses of public funds.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.710.040 and 2018 c 75 s 9 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A charter school must operate according to the terms of its
6 charter contract and the provisions of this chapter.

7 (2) A charter school must:

8 (a) Comply with local, state, and federal health, safety,
9 parents' rights, civil rights, and nondiscrimination laws applicable
10 to school districts and to the same extent as school districts,
11 including but not limited to chapter 28A.642 RCW (discrimination
12 prohibition) (~~and~~), chapter 28A.640 RCW (sexual equality), chapter
13 28A.180 RCW (transitional bilingual instruction program), and chapter
14 28A.155 RCW (special education);

15 (b) Provide a program of basic education, that meets the goals in
16 RCW 28A.150.210, including instruction in the (~~essential academic~~
17 ~~learning requirements~~) state learning standards, and participate in
18 the statewide student assessment system as developed under RCW
19 28A.655.070;

20 (c) Comply with the screening and intervention requirements under
21 RCW 28A.320.260;

22 (d) Employ certificated instructional staff as required in RCW
23 28A.410.025. Charter schools, however, may hire noncertificated
24 instructional staff of unusual competence and in exceptional cases as
25 specified in RCW 28A.150.203(7), according to the same limited
26 exceptions that apply to other public schools. Beginning November 1,
27 2023, and annually thereafter, charter schools shall report the
28 employment of all noncertificated instructional staff hired in
29 accordance with this subsection (2)(d) during the current and
30 preceding school year to the executive director of the commission and
31 the state board of education for inclusion in the annual report
32 required by RCW 28A.710.250;

33 (e) Comply with the employee record check requirements in RCW
34 28A.400.303;

35 (f) Adhere to generally accepted accounting principles and be
36 subject to financial examinations and audits as determined by the
37 state auditor, including annual audits for legal and fiscal
38 compliance;

1 (g) Comply with the annual performance report under RCW
2 28A.655.110;

3 (h) Be subject to the performance improvement goals adopted by
4 the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.130;

5 (i) Comply with the open public meetings act in chapter 42.30 RCW
6 and public records requirements in chapter 42.56 RCW; and

7 (j) Be subject to and comply with legislation enacted after
8 December 6, 2012, that governs the operation and management of
9 charter schools.

10 (3) Charter public schools must comply with all state statutes
11 and rules made applicable to the charter school in the school's
12 charter contract, and are subject to the specific state statutes and
13 rules identified in subsection (2) of this section. For the purpose
14 of allowing flexibility to innovate in areas such as scheduling,
15 personnel, funding, and educational programs to improve student
16 outcomes and academic achievement, charter schools are not subject
17 to, and are exempt from, all other state statutes and rules
18 applicable to school districts and school district boards of
19 directors. Except as provided otherwise by this chapter or a charter
20 contract, charter schools are exempt from all school district
21 policies.

22 (4) A charter school may not engage in any sectarian practices in
23 its educational program, admissions or employment policies, or
24 operations.

25 (5) Charter schools are subject to the supervision of the
26 superintendent of public instruction and the state board of
27 education, including accountability measures such as the Washington
28 achievement index developed by the state board of education under RCW
29 28A.657.110, to the same extent as other public schools, except as
30 otherwise provided in this chapter.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.710.070 and 2020 c 49 s 2 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) The Washington state charter school commission is established
34 as an independent state agency whose mission is to ~~((authorize))~~;

35 (a) Authorize high quality charter public schools throughout the
36 state, especially schools that are designed to expand opportunities
37 for at-risk students ~~((, and to ensure))~~;

38 (b) Ensure the highest standards of accountability and oversight
39 for these schools; and

1 (c) Hold charter school boards accountable for: Ensuring that
2 students of charter public schools have opportunities for academic
3 success; and exercising effective educational, operational, and
4 financial oversight of charter public schools.

5 (2) The commission shall, through its management, supervision,
6 and enforcement of the charter contracts and pursuant to applicable
7 law, administer the charter schools it authorizes in the same manner
8 as a school district board of directors administers other schools.

9 (3) (a) The commission shall consist of:

10 (i) Nine appointed members;

11 (ii) The superintendent of public instruction or the
12 superintendent's designee; and

13 (iii) The chair of the state board of education or the chair's
14 designee.

15 (b) Appointments to the commission shall be as follows: Three
16 members shall be appointed by the governor; three members shall be
17 appointed by the senate, with two members appointed by the leader of
18 the largest caucus of the senate and one member appointed by the
19 leader of the minority caucus of the senate; and three members shall
20 be appointed by the house of representatives, with two members
21 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one
22 member appointed by the leader of the minority caucus of the house of
23 representatives. The appointing authorities shall assure diversity
24 among commission members, including representation from various
25 geographic areas of the state and shall assure that at least one
26 member is the parent of a Washington public school student.

27 (4) Members appointed to the commission shall collectively
28 possess strong experience and expertise in public and nonprofit
29 governance; management and finance; public school leadership,
30 assessment, curriculum, and instruction; and public education law.
31 All appointed members shall have demonstrated an understanding of and
32 commitment to charter schooling as a strategy for strengthening
33 public education.

34 (5) Appointed members shall serve four-year, staggered terms. The
35 initial appointments from each of the appointing authorities must
36 consist of one member appointed to a one-year term, one member
37 appointed to a two-year term, and one member appointed to a
38 three-year term, all of whom thereafter may be reappointed for a
39 four-year term. No appointed member may serve more than two
40 consecutive terms. Initial appointments must be made by July 1, 2016.

1 (6) Whenever a vacancy on the commission exists among its
2 appointed membership, the original appointing authority must appoint
3 a member for the remaining portion of the term within no more than
4 thirty days.

5 (7) Commission members shall serve without compensation but may
6 be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and
7 43.03.060.

8 (8) The commission may hire an executive director and may employ
9 staff as necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter. The
10 commission may delegate to the executive director the duties as
11 necessary to effectively and efficiently execute the business of the
12 commission, including the authority to employ necessary staff. In
13 accordance with RCW 41.06.070, the executive director and the
14 executive director's confidential secretary are exempt from the
15 provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW.

16 (9) The commission shall reside within the office of the
17 superintendent of public instruction for administrative purposes
18 only.

19 (10) RCW 28A.710.090 and 28A.710.120 do not apply to the
20 commission.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.710.100 and 2016 c 241 s 110 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Authorizers are responsible for:

24 (a) Holding the charter school board of each authorized charter
25 school accountable for: Ensuring that students in the charter school
26 have opportunities for academic success; and exercising effective
27 educational, operational, and financial oversight of the charter
28 school;

29 (b) Soliciting and evaluating charter applications;

30 ~~((b))~~ (c) Approving charter applications that meet identified
31 educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices;

32 ~~((e))~~ (d) Denying charter applications that fail to meet
33 statutory requirements, requirements of the authorizer, or both;

34 ~~((d))~~ (e) Negotiating and executing charter contracts with each
35 authorized charter school;

36 ~~((e))~~ (f) Monitoring, in accordance with charter contract
37 terms, the performance and legal compliance of charter schools
38 including, without limitation, education and academic performance
39 goals and student achievement; ~~((and~~

1 ~~(f)~~) (g) Determining whether each charter contract merits
2 renewal, nonrenewal, or revocation; and

3 (h) Ensuring that charter school boards comply with the annual
4 training requirements in RCW 28A.710.030(6).

5 (2) An authorizer may delegate its responsibilities under this
6 section to employees or contractors.

7 (3) All authorizers must develop and follow chartering policies
8 and practices that are consistent with the principles and standards
9 for quality charter authorizing developed by the national association
10 of charter school authorizers in at least the following areas:

11 (a) Organizational capacity and infrastructure;

12 (b) Soliciting and evaluating charter applications;

13 (c) Performance contracting;

14 (d) Ongoing charter school oversight and evaluation; and

15 (e) Charter renewal decision making.

16 (4) Each authorizer must submit an annual report to the state
17 board of education, according to a timeline, content, and format
18 specified by the board that includes:

19 (a) The authorizer's strategic vision for chartering and progress
20 toward achieving that vision;

21 (b) The academic and financial performance of all operating
22 charter schools under its jurisdiction, including the progress of the
23 charter schools based on the authorizer's performance framework;

24 (c) The status of the authorizer's charter school portfolio,
25 identifying all charter schools in each of the following categories:

26 (i) Approved but not yet open; (ii) operating; (iii) renewed; (iv)
27 transferred; (v) revoked; (vi) not renewed; (vii) voluntarily closed;
28 or (viii) never opened;

29 (d) The authorizer's operating costs and expenses detailed in
30 annual audited financial statements that conform with generally
31 accepted accounting principles; and

32 (e) The services purchased from the authorizer by the charter
33 schools under its jurisdiction under RCW 28A.710.110, including an
34 itemized accounting of the actual costs of these services.

35 (5) Neither an authorizer, individuals who comprise the
36 membership of an authorizer in their official capacity, nor the
37 employees of an authorizer are liable for acts or omissions of a
38 charter school they authorize.

39 (6) No employee, trustee, agent, or representative of an
40 authorizer may simultaneously serve as an employee, trustee, agent,

1 representative, vendor, or contractor of a charter school under the
2 jurisdiction of that authorizer.

3 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.710.120 and 2016 c 241 s 112 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The state board of education is responsible for overseeing
6 the performance and effectiveness of all authorizers (~~(approved under~~
7 ~~RCW 28A.710.090)~~).

8 (2) Persistently unsatisfactory performance of an authorizer's
9 portfolio of charter schools, a pattern of well-founded complaints
10 about the authorizer or its charter schools, a high percentage of
11 charter school closures during the preceding 10-year period, or other
12 objective circumstances may trigger a special review by the state
13 board of education.

14 (3) In reviewing or evaluating the performance of authorizers,
15 the state board of education must apply nationally recognized
16 principles and standards for quality charter authorizing. Evidence of
17 material or persistent failure by an authorizer to carry out its
18 duties in accordance with these principles and standards constitutes
19 grounds for revocation of the authorizing contract by the state board
20 of education, as provided under this section.

21 (4) If at any time the state board of education finds that an
22 authorizer is not in compliance with a charter contract, its
23 authorizing contract, or the authorizer duties under RCW 28A.710.100,
24 the board must notify the authorizer in writing of the identified
25 problems, and the authorizer must have reasonable opportunity to
26 respond and remedy the problems.

27 (5) (~~If~~) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (7) of this
28 section if, after due notice from the state board of education, an
29 authorizer persists in violating a material provision of a charter
30 contract or its authorizing contract, or fails to remedy other
31 identified authorizing problems, the state board of education shall
32 notify the authorizer, within a reasonable amount of time under the
33 circumstances, that it intends to revoke the authorizer's chartering
34 authority unless the authorizer demonstrates a timely and
35 satisfactory remedy for the violation or deficiencies.

36 (6) In the event of revocation of any authorizer's chartering
37 authority, the state board of education shall manage the timely and
38 orderly transfer of each charter contract held by that authorizer to
39 another authorizer in the state, with the mutual agreement of each

1 affected charter school and proposed new authorizer. The new
2 authorizer shall assume the existing charter contract for the
3 remainder of the charter term.

4 (7) If the commission is the subject of the special review under
5 this section, the state board of education shall have one year from
6 the initiation of its review to complete the review and provide a
7 report with findings and recommendations, including any
8 recommendations for statutory revisions it deems necessary, to the
9 governor, the superintendent of public instruction, and the
10 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the
11 senate.

12 (8) The state board of education must establish timelines and a
13 process for taking actions under this section in response to
14 performance deficiencies by an authorizer.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28A.710.140 and 2016 c 241 s 114 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The state board of education must establish an annual
18 statewide timeline for charter application submission and approval or
19 denial that must be followed by all authorizers.

20 (2) In reviewing and evaluating charter applications, authorizers
21 shall employ procedures, practices, and criteria consistent with
22 nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter
23 authorizing. Authorizers shall give preference to applications for
24 charter schools that are designed to enroll and serve at-risk student
25 populations. However, nothing in this chapter may be construed as
26 intended to limit the establishment of charter schools to those that
27 serve a substantial portion of at-risk students, or to in any manner
28 restrict, limit, or discourage the establishment of charter schools
29 that enroll and serve other pupil populations under a nonexclusive,
30 nondiscriminatory admissions policy. The application review process
31 must include thorough evaluation of each application, an in-person
32 interview with the applicant group, and an opportunity to learn about
33 and provide input on each application in a public forum including,
34 without limitation, parents, community members, local residents, and
35 school district board members and staff.

36 (3) In deciding whether to approve an application, authorizers
37 must:

38 (a) Grant charters only to applicants that have demonstrated
39 competence in each element of the authorizer's published approval

1 criteria and are likely to open (~~and~~), operate, and ensure the
2 financial viability of a successful charter public school;

3 (b) Base decisions on documented evidence collected through the
4 application review process;

5 (c) Follow charter-granting policies and practices that are
6 transparent and based on merit; and

7 (d) Avoid any conflicts of interest, whether real or apparent.

8 (4) An approval decision may include, if appropriate, reasonable
9 conditions that the charter applicant must meet before a charter
10 contract may be executed.

11 (5) For any denial of an application, the authorizer shall
12 clearly state in writing its reasons for denial. A denied applicant
13 may subsequently reapply to that authorizer or apply to another
14 authorizer in the state.

15 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.710.180 and 2016 c 241 s 118 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) Each authorizer must continually monitor the performance and
18 legal compliance of the charter schools under its jurisdiction,
19 including collecting and analyzing data to support ongoing evaluation
20 according to the performance framework in the charter contract.

21 (2) An authorizer may conduct or require oversight activities
22 that enable the authorizer to fulfill its responsibilities under this
23 chapter, including conducting appropriate inquiries and
24 investigations (~~(, if those activities are consistent with the intent~~
25 ~~of this chapter, adhere to the terms of the charter contract, and do~~
26 ~~not unduly inhibit the autonomy granted to charter schools)).~~

27 Examples of permitted reasons for conducting or requiring oversight
28 activities under this section include, but are not limited to: The
29 persistent unsatisfactory performance of a charter school; a pattern
30 of well-founded complaints about a charter school; the authority to
31 conduct such oversight activities as provided by statute, rule, or
32 charter contract; or other objective circumstances.

33 (3) In the event that a charter school's performance, financial
34 status, or legal compliance appears unsatisfactory, the authorizer
35 must promptly notify the school of the perceived problem and provide
36 reasonable opportunity for the school to remedy the problem. However,
37 if the problem warrants revocation of the charter contract, the
38 revocation procedures under RCW 28A.710.200 apply.

1 (4) An authorizer may take appropriate corrective actions or
2 exercise sanctions short of revocation in response to apparent
3 deficiencies in charter school performance or legal compliance. These
4 actions or sanctions may include, if warranted, requiring a school to
5 develop and execute a corrective action plan within a specified time
6 frame.

7 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.710.190 and 2016 c 241 s 119 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) A charter contract may be renewed by the authorizer, at the
10 request of the charter school, for successive five-year terms. The
11 authorizer, however, may vary the term based on the performance,
12 demonstrated capacities, and particular circumstances of a charter
13 school, and may grant renewal with specific conditions for necessary
14 improvements to a charter school.

15 (2) No later than six months before the expiration of a charter
16 contract, the authorizer must issue a performance report and charter
17 contract renewal application guidance to the charter school. The
18 performance report must summarize the charter school's performance
19 record to date based on the data required by the charter contract,
20 and must provide notice of any weaknesses or concerns perceived by
21 the authorizer concerning the charter school that may, if not timely
22 rectified, jeopardize its position in seeking renewal. The charter
23 school has thirty days to respond to the performance report and
24 submit any corrections or clarifications for the report.

25 (3) The renewal application guidance must, at a minimum, provide
26 an opportunity for the charter school to:

27 (a) Present additional evidence, beyond the data contained in the
28 performance report, supporting its case for charter contract renewal;

29 (b) Describe improvements undertaken or planned for the school;
30 and

31 (c) Detail the school's plans for the next charter contract term.

32 (4) The renewal application guidance must include or refer
33 explicitly to the criteria that will guide the authorizer's renewal
34 decisions, and this criteria must be based on the performance
35 framework set forth in the charter contract.

36 (5) In making charter renewal decisions, an authorizer must:

37 (a) Hold the charter school board accountable for: Ensuring that
38 students of the charter school have opportunities for academic

1 success; and exercising effective educational, operational, and
2 financial oversight of the charter school;

3 (b) Base its decisions in evidence of the school's performance
4 over the term of the charter contract in accordance with the
5 performance framework set forth in the charter contract;

6 ~~((b))~~ (c) Ensure that data used in making renewal decisions are
7 available to the school and the public; and

8 ~~((e))~~ (d) Provide a public report summarizing the evidence
9 basis for its decision.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the commission shall
13 promote the effective administration and operation of charter schools
14 through the provision of technical assistance to requesting charter
15 schools, charter school boards, or both.

16 (2) The principal objective of technical assistance provided in
17 accordance with this section, which may be provided by commission
18 staff or through a contractor, must be to support charter schools and
19 charter school boards in achieving and maintaining compliance with
20 the requirements of this chapter and other provisions of Title 28A
21 RCW governing the operation of charter schools. In responding to
22 requests for technical assistance, the commission shall prioritize
23 the provision of assistance to charter schools that have been in
24 operation for three or fewer school years.

25 (3) Technical assistance provided in accordance with this
26 section: May only be provided at the request of the applicable
27 charter school or charter school board; and is unrelated to, and does
28 not affect or otherwise modify, duties of the commission in its role
29 as an authorizer.

30 (4) For the purposes of this section, "technical assistance"
31 means the provision of training, which may be provided by commission
32 staff or through a contractor, to support charter schools and charter
33 school boards in their responsibility to achieve and maintain
34 compliance with applicable state and federal laws and with their
35 charter school contract.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) (a) By November 1, 2023, the commission shall establish and
2 maintain on its website an online system for students who attend
3 charter schools, and the parents of those students, to submit
4 complaints about the operation and administration of one or more
5 charter schools, including complaints about the provision of
6 education services and complaints alleging noncompliance with the
7 requirements of this chapter or other provisions governing charter
8 schools.

9 (b) The commission shall acknowledge the receipt of each received
10 complaint within 10 business days and shall, in a timely manner,
11 perform any inquiries or other actions it deems necessary and
12 appropriate to respond to each received complaint.

13 (2) The commission shall adopt and revise as necessary rules to
14 implement this section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 Each charter school shall prominently post and maintain on its
18 website information about the school's process and instructions for
19 submitting complaints about the operation and administration of the
20 charter school by its enrolled students and their parents. This
21 information must include a designated point of contact at the charter
22 school and a link to the complaint system of the commission that is
23 required by section 11 of this act."

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24 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "students;" strike the
25 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.710.030,
26 28A.710.040, 28A.710.070, 28A.710.100, 28A.710.120, 28A.710.140,
27 28A.710.180, and 28A.710.190; adding new sections to chapter 28A.710
28 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that the exception to hire noncertificated
staff of unusual competence and in exceptional cases is an exception
that applies to other public schools, not just charter schools.

(2) Provides that authorizers are not limited to conducting
oversight activities for only the reasons listed in statute. Provides
that authorizers are permitted to conduct or require oversight

activities when the authority to conduct such activities is provided by statute, rule, or charter contract.

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