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1 Beginning on page 7, line 24 of the amendment, strike all of
2 section 107 and insert the following:

3 "Sec. 107. RCW 28A.710.070 and 2013 c 2 s 208 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The Washington state charter school commission is established
6 as an independent state agency whose mission is to authorize high
7 quality ~~((public))~~ charter public schools throughout the state,
8 ~~((particularly))~~ especially schools that are designed to expand
9 opportunities for at-risk students, and to ensure the highest
10 standards of accountability and oversight for these schools.

11 (2) The commission shall, through its management, supervision,
12 and enforcement of the charter contracts and pursuant to applicable
13 law, administer the ~~((portion of the public common school system~~
14 ~~consisting of the))~~ charter schools it authorizes ~~((as provided in~~
15 ~~this chapter,))~~ in the same manner as a school district board of
16 directors~~((, through its management, supervision, and enforcement of~~
17 ~~the charter contracts, and pursuant to applicable law, administers~~
18 ~~the charter schools it authorizes))~~ administers other schools.

19 ~~((+2))~~ (3)(a) The commission shall consist of:

20 (i) Nine appointed members~~((, no more than five of whom shall be~~
21 ~~members of the same political party))~~;

22 (ii) The superintendent of public instruction or the
23 superintendent's designee; and

24 (iii) The chair of the state board of education or the chair's
25 designee.

26 (b) Appointments to the commission shall be as follows: Three
27 members shall be appointed by the governor; three members shall be
28 appointed by the ~~((president of the))~~ senate, with two members
29 appointed by the leader of the largest caucus of the senate and one
30 member appointed by the leader of the minority caucus of the senate;
31 and three members shall be appointed by the ~~((speaker of the))~~ house
32 of representatives, with two members appointed by the speaker of the
33 house of representatives and one member appointed by the leader of

1 the minority caucus of the house of representatives. The appointing
2 authorities shall assure diversity among commission members,
3 including representation from various geographic areas of the state
4 and shall assure that at least one member is ((a)) the parent of a
5 Washington public school student.

6 ((+3)) (4) Members appointed to the commission shall
7 collectively possess strong experience and expertise in public and
8 nonprofit governance; management and finance; public school
9 leadership, assessment, curriculum, and instruction; and public
10 education law. All appointed members shall have demonstrated an
11 understanding of and commitment to charter schooling as a strategy
12 for strengthening public education.

13 ((+4)) (5) Appointed members shall ((be appointed to)) serve
14 four-year, staggered terms((, with)). The initial appointments from
15 each of the appointing authorities ((consisting)) must consist of one
16 member appointed to a one-year term, one member appointed to a
17 two-year term, and one member appointed to a three-year term, all of
18 whom thereafter may be reappointed for a four-year term. No appointed
19 member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Initial
20 appointments must be made ((no later than ninety days after December
21 6, 2012)) by July 1, 2016.

22 ((+5)) (6) Whenever a vacancy on the commission exists among its
23 appointed membership, the original appointing authority must appoint
24 a member for the remaining portion of the term within no more than
25 thirty days.

26 ((+6)) (7) Commission members shall serve without compensation
27 but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in RCW
28 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

29 ((+7)) ~~Operational and staff support for the commission shall be~~
30 ~~provided by the office of the governor until the commission has~~
31 ~~sufficient resources to hire or contract for separate staff support,~~
32 ~~who))~~

33 (8) The commission shall reside within the office of the
34 ((governor)) superintendent of public instruction for administrative
35 purposes only.

36 ((+8)) (9) RCW 28A.710.090 and 28A.710.120 do not apply to the
37 commission."

EFFECT: (1) Adds the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his
or her designee, and the Chair of the State Board of Education, or

his or her designee, to the Washington State Charter School Commission.

(2) Modifies appointment provisions by specifying that (a) three members must be appointed by the Senate, with two members appointed by the leader of the largest caucus of the Senate and one member appointed by the leader of the minority caucus of the Senate, and (b) three members must be appointed by the House of Representatives, with two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the leader of the minority caucus of the House of Representatives.

(3) Removes a provision specifying that no more than five Commission members may be of the same political party.

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