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1 AN ACT Relating to the time frame for establishing charter
2 schools; and amending RCW 28A.710.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.710.150 and 2016 c 241 s 115 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A maximum of forty charter public schools may be established
7 under this chapter over the five-year period commencing with April 3,
8 ((2016)) 2021. No more than eight charter schools may be established
9 in any year during the five-year period, except that if in any year
10 fewer than eight charter schools are established, additional charter
11 schools, equal in number to the difference between the number
12 established in that year and eight, may be established in subsequent
13 years during the five-year period.

14 (2)(a) To ensure compliance with the limits for establishing new
15 charter schools, certification from the state board of education must
16 be obtained before final authorization of a charter school.

17 (b) Within ten days of taking action to approve or deny an
18 application under RCW 28A.710.140, an authorizer must submit a report
19 of the action to the applicant and the state board of education. The
20 report must include a copy of the authorizer's resolution setting
21 forth the action taken, the reasons for the decision, and assurances

1 of compliance with the procedural requirements and application
2 elements under RCW 28A.710.130 and 28A.710.140. The authorizer must
3 also indicate whether the charter school is designed to enroll and
4 serve at-risk student populations. The state board of education must
5 establish, for each year in which charter schools may be authorized
6 as part of the timeline to be established pursuant to RCW
7 28A.710.140, the latest annual date by which the authorizer may
8 submit the report. The state board of education must send to each
9 authorizer notice of the date by which a report must be submitted at
10 least six months before the date established by the board.

11 (3) Upon the receipt of notice from an authorizer that a charter
12 school has been approved, the state board of education shall certify
13 whether the approval is in compliance with the limits on the maximum
14 number of charters allowed under subsection (1) of this section. If
15 the board receives simultaneous notification of approved charters
16 that exceed the annual allowable limits in subsection (1) of this
17 section, the board must select approved charters for implementation
18 through a lottery process, and must assign implementation dates
19 accordingly.

20 (4) The state board of education must notify authorizers when the
21 maximum allowable number of charter schools has been reached.

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