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1 AN ACT Relating to reassigning and authorizing surrendered,
2 revoked, or nonrenewed charter school contracts; amending RCW
3 28A.710.150; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.710 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A charter contract that has been surrendered, revoked, or not
8 renewed may be reassigned and authorized by the commission to an
9 applicant that meets the procedural and application requirements
10 under RCW 28A.710.130 and 28A.710.140.

11 (2) When determining whether to reassign and authorize a charter
12 contract in accordance with this section, the commission must, in
13 accordance with RCW 28A.710.140, give preference to applications for
14 charter schools that are designed to enroll and serve at-risk student
15 populations.

16 (3) The reassignment and authorization of a charter contract
17 under this section is not subject to RCW 28A.710.150(1)(a).

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.710.150 and 2016 c 241 s 115 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 (1)(a) A maximum of (~~forty~~) 40 charter public schools may be
2 established under this chapter over the five-year period commencing
3 with April 3, 2016. No more than eight charter schools may be
4 established in any year during the five-year period, except that if
5 in any year fewer than eight charter schools are established,
6 additional charter schools, equal in number to the difference between
7 the number established in that year and eight, may be established in
8 subsequent years during the five-year period.

9 (b) No more than 24 charter schools established under this
10 chapter may operate at any one time.

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

14 (b) Within (~~ten~~) 10 days of taking action to approve or deny an
15 application under RCW 28A.710.140, an authorizer must submit a report
16 of the action to the applicant and the state board of education. The
17 report must include a copy of the authorizer's resolution setting
18 forth the action taken, the reasons for the decision, and assurances
19 of compliance with the procedural requirements and application
20 elements under RCW 28A.710.130 and 28A.710.140. The authorizer must
21 also indicate whether the charter school is designed to enroll and
22 serve at-risk student populations. The state board of education must
23 establish, for each year in which charter schools may be authorized
24 as part of the timeline to be established pursuant to RCW
25 28A.710.140, the latest annual date by which the authorizer may
26 submit the report. The state board of education must send to each
27 authorizer notice of the date by which a report must be submitted at
28 least six months before the date established by the board.

29 (3) Upon the receipt of notice from an authorizer that a charter
30 school has been approved, the state board of education shall certify
31 whether the approval is in compliance with the limits on the maximum
32 number of charters allowed under subsection (1) of this section. If
33 the board receives simultaneous notification of approved charters
34 that exceed the annual allowable limits in subsection (1) of this
35 section, the board must select approved charters for implementation
36 through a lottery process, and must assign implementation dates
37 accordingly.

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

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