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**Introduced by Senator Simitian**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 47604.5 of the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, as introduced, Simitian. Charter schools.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 authorizes the State Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to revoke a school's charter or take appropriate action when it makes specified findings, whether or not it is the authority that granted the charter.

This bill would delete the provision regarding whether or not the State Board is the authority that granted the charter.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 47604.5 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 47604.5. *Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,*
- 4 *the State Board of Education, whether or not it is the authority that*
- 5 *granted the charter, may, based upon the recommendation of the*
- 6 *Superintendent of Public Instruction, revoke a school's charter or*
- 7 *take other appropriate action, including, but not limited to,*
- 8 *revocation of the school's charter, when the State Board of*
- 9 *Education finds any of the following:*

- 1 (a) Gross financial mismanagement that jeopardizes the financial
- 2 stability of the charter school.
- 3 (b) Illegal or substantially improper use of charter school funds
- 4 for the personal benefit of any officer, director, or fiduciary of the
- 5 charter school.
- 6 (c) Substantial and sustained departure from measurably
- 7 successful practices such that continued departure would jeopardize
- 8 the educational development of the school's pupils.