

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 656

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 47602 of the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 656, as introduced, Chávez. Charter schools.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 limits the number of new charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state to 100 in each successive school year.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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 47602 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 47602. (a) ~~(1)~~—In the 1998–99 school year, the maximum total
4 number of charter schools authorized to operate in this state shall
5 be 250. ~~In the 1999–2000 school year, and in each successive~~
6 ~~school year thereafter, an additional 100 charter schools are~~
7 ~~authorized to operate in this state each successive school year.~~ For
8 the purposes of implementing this section, the ~~State Board of~~
9 ~~Education~~ *state board* shall assign a number to each charter petition
10 that it grants pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 47605 or Section
11 47605.8 and to each charter notice it receives pursuant to this part,

1 based on the chronological order in which the notice is received.
2 Each ~~The~~ number assigned by the state board ~~on or after January~~
3 ~~1, 2003~~, shall correspond to a single petition that identifies a charter
4 school that will operate within the geographic and site limitations
5 of this part. The ~~State Board of Education~~ *state board* shall develop
6 a numbering system for charter schools that identifies each school
7 associated with a charter and that operates within the existing limit
8 on the number of charter schools that can be approved each year.
9 For purposes of this section, sites that share educational programs
10 and serve similar pupil populations may not be counted as separate
11 schools. Sites that do not share a common educational program
12 shall be considered separate schools for purposes of this section.
13 The limits contained in this ~~paragraph~~ *subdivision* may not be
14 waived by the ~~State Board of Education~~ *state board* pursuant to
15 Section 33050 or any other ~~provision~~ of law.

16 (2) ~~By July 1, 2003, the Legislative Analyst shall, pursuant to~~
17 ~~the criteria in Section 47616.5, report to the Legislature on the~~
18 ~~effectiveness of the charter school approach authorized under this~~
19 ~~part and recommend whether to expand or reduce the annual rate~~
20 ~~of growth of charter schools authorized pursuant to this section.~~

21 (b) ~~No~~ A charter shall *not* be granted under this part that
22 authorizes the conversion of ~~any~~ *a* private school to a charter
23 school. ~~No~~ A charter school shall *not* receive any public funds for
24 a pupil if the pupil also attends a private school that charges the
25 pupil's family for tuition. The ~~State Board of Education~~ *state board*
26 shall adopt regulations to implement this section.