

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 913

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 47604.1 to the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 913, as introduced, Chau. Charter schools: open meetings.

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend.

This bill would expressly state that a charter school is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, unless it is operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, in which case the charter school would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The bill would also expressly state that councils and schoolsite advisory committees of charter schools are subject to specified open meeting requirements.

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 47604.1 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 47604.1. (a) A charter school is subject to the Ralph M. Brown
2 Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of
3 Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code), except that a charter
4 school operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open
5 Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of
6 Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
7 Code) is subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act regardless
8 of the authorizing entity.
9 (b) A council or schoolsite advisory committee, as referenced
10 in subdivision (b) of Section 35147, of a charter school is subject
11 to the requirements of subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 35147.