

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Staff Analysis of
SB 1264 (HART)
As Amended: April 7, 1994

SUMMARY

This bill makes various technical and substantive changes to the Charter Schools Act.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

- 1) Current law, which was established by SB 1448 (Hart-1992), provides for establishment of charter schools or charter school districts. The bill specifies that no more than 100 charter schools can operate in the state, of which no more than 10 schools may operate in a single school district.

This bill repeals the charter school "cap",

- 2) Current law provides for an appeal process to the county superintendent of schools if local governing boards reject charter school petitions.

This bill allows charter schools whose charters are revoked to appeal the revocation decision to the county superintendent of schools.

- 3) Current law specifies that a charter may be granted for a period not to exceed five years. Current law further authorizes governing boards or the county superintendent of schools, as appropriate, to grant one or more renewals of the charter for a period not to exceed five years.

This bill clarifies, that in the case of districtwide charters, the State Board of Education, may grant one or more renewal of those charters for a period not to exceed five years.

- 4) Current law authorizes charter schools to receive general apportionment and specified categorical funding in an amount equal to funds received by the chartering school district.

This bill makes the following changes to the funding provisions related to charter schools:

- a) Specifies that, for apportionment purposes, a charter school shall be operative no sooner than July 1 following approval of the charter petition,

- b) Authorizes charter schools to receive funds from lottery and summer school apportionments,
- c) Authorizes charter high schools, which prepare students for graduation in three years by increasing the number of minutes of instruction per year, to receive incentive funding in the amount of \$33 per ADA. (See Staff Comments for amendment to this section)

STAFF COMMENTS

SB 1806 (Lewis), which is on file today, would also repeal the 100 school "cap" on the operation of charter schools.

STAFF RECOMMENDS that the incentive funding authorization for charter high schools be amended to specify that charter high schools which prepare students for graduation in three years by increasing the number of instructional minutes to 87,000 shall be eligible to receive 133% of the schools' regular ADA apportionment. This was the original intent of the author, however, the amendments to the bill were incorrectly drafted.

SUPPORT

California Association of Suburban School Districts
San Diego County Office of Education
Service Employees International Union

OPPOSITION

California School Employees Association
California Teachers Association

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