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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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| ADOPTED               | <u>    </u> | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | <u>    </u> | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | <u>    </u> | (Y/N) |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | <u>    </u> | (Y/N) |
| WITHDRAWN             | <u>    </u> | (Y/N) |
| OTHER                 | <u>    </u> |       |

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee  
 2 Representative Cortes, B. offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 609 and 610, insert:

6 (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (n)1. The director and a representative of the governing  
 8 board of a charter school that has earned a grade of "D" or "F"  
 9 pursuant to s. 1008.34 shall appear before the sponsor to  
 10 present information concerning each contract component having  
 11 noted deficiencies. The director and a representative of the  
 12 governing board shall submit to the sponsor for approval a  
 13 school improvement plan to raise student performance. Upon  
 14 approval by the sponsor, the charter school shall begin  
 15 implementation of the school improvement plan. The department  
 16 shall offer technical assistance and training to the charter

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17 school and its governing board and establish guidelines for  
18 developing, submitting, and approving such plans.

19 2.a. If a charter school earns three consecutive grades of  
20 "D," two consecutive grades of "D" followed by a grade of "F,"  
21 or two nonconsecutive grades of "F" within a 3-year period, the  
22 charter school governing board shall choose one of the following  
23 corrective actions:

24 (I) Contract for educational services to be provided  
25 directly to students, instructional personnel, and school  
26 administrators, as prescribed in state board rule;

27 (II) Contract with an outside entity that has a  
28 demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school;

29 (III) Reorganize the school under a new director or  
30 principal who is authorized to hire new staff; or

31 (IV) Voluntarily close the charter school.

32 b. The charter school must implement the corrective action  
33 in the school year following receipt of a third consecutive  
34 grade of "D," a grade of "F" following two consecutive grades of  
35 "D," or a second nonconsecutive grade of "F" within a 3-year  
36 period.

37 c. The sponsor may annually waive a corrective action if  
38 it determines that the charter school is likely to improve a  
39 letter grade if additional time is provided to implement the  
40 intervention and support strategies prescribed by the school  
41 improvement plan. Notwithstanding this sub-subparagraph, a

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42 charter school that earns a second consecutive grade of "F" is  
43 subject to subparagraph 4.

44 d. A charter school is no longer required to implement a  
45 corrective action if it improves by at least one letter grade.  
46 However, the charter school must continue to implement  
47 strategies identified in the school improvement plan. The  
48 sponsor must annually review implementation of the school  
49 improvement plan to monitor the school's continued improvement  
50 pursuant to subparagraph 5.

51 e. A charter school implementing a corrective action that  
52 does not improve by at least one letter grade after 2 full  
53 school years of implementing the corrective action must select a  
54 different corrective action. Implementation of the new  
55 corrective action must begin in the school year following the  
56 implementation period of the existing corrective action, unless  
57 the sponsor determines that the charter school is likely to  
58 improve a letter grade if additional time is provided to  
59 implement the existing corrective action. Notwithstanding this  
60 sub-subparagraph, a charter school that earns a second  
61 consecutive grade of "F" while implementing a corrective action  
62 is subject to subparagraph 4.

63 3. A charter school with a grade of "D" or "F" that  
64 improves by at least one letter grade must continue to implement  
65 the strategies identified in the school improvement plan. The  
66 sponsor must annually review implementation of the school

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67 improvement plan to monitor the school's continued improvement  
68 pursuant to subparagraph 5.

69 4. A charter school's charter contract is automatically  
70 terminated if the school earns two consecutive grades of "F"  
71 after all school grade appeals are final unless:

72 a. The charter school is established to turn around the  
73 performance of a district public school pursuant to s.  
74 1008.33(4)(b)3. Such charter schools shall be governed by s.  
75 1008.33;

76 b. The charter school serves a student population the  
77 majority of which resides in a school zone served by a district  
78 public school that earned a grade of "F" in the year before the  
79 charter school opened and the charter school earns at least a  
80 grade of "D" in its third year of operation. The exception  
81 provided under this sub-subparagraph does not apply to a charter  
82 school in its fourth year of operation and thereafter; or

83 c. The state board grants the charter school a waiver of  
84 termination. The charter school must request the waiver within  
85 15 days after the department's official release of school  
86 grades. The state board may waive termination if the charter  
87 school demonstrates that the Learning Gains of its students on  
88 statewide assessments are comparable to or better than the  
89 Learning Gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby  
90 district public schools. ~~The waiver is valid for 1 year and may  
91 only be granted once. Charter schools that have been in~~

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92 ~~operation for more than 5 years are not eligible for a waiver~~  
93 ~~under this sub-subparagraph.~~

94 The sponsor shall notify the charter school's governing  
95 board, the charter school principal, and the department in  
96 writing when a charter contract is terminated under this  
97 subparagraph. The letter of termination must meet the  
98 requirements of paragraph (8)(c). A charter terminated under  
99 this subparagraph must follow the procedures for dissolution and  
100 reversion of public funds pursuant to paragraphs (8)(e)-(g) and  
101 (9)(o).

102 5. The director and a representative of the governing  
103 board of a graded charter school that has implemented a school  
104 improvement plan under this paragraph shall appear before the  
105 sponsor at least once a year to present information regarding  
106 the progress of intervention and support strategies implemented  
107 by the school pursuant to the school improvement plan and  
108 corrective actions, if applicable. The sponsor shall communicate  
109 at the meeting, and in writing to the director, the services  
110 provided to the school to help the school address its  
111 deficiencies.

112 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph except  
113 sub-subparagraphs 4.a.-c., the sponsor may terminate the charter  
114 at any time pursuant to subsection (8).  
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117 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

118 Remove line 8 and insert:

119 enrolled in blended learning courses; revising the  
120 commissioner's waiver authority regarding closure of charter  
121 schools; clarifying