By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Education; and Senator Farmer

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| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
| 2 | An act relating to charter schools; creating s. |
| 3 | 1001.241, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education |
| 4 | to approve credentialing entities for a specified |
| 5 | purpose; requiring credentialing entities to |
| 6 | establish, develop, and administer specified |
| 7 | requirements and processes; requiring credentialing |
| 8 | entities to establish a certification program; |
| 9 | providing requirements for the certification program; |
| 10 | providing that applicants who submit applications to a |
| 11 | credentialing entity are subject to a certain |
| 12 | background screening; providing for the ineligibility |
| 13 | of certain applicants; requiring the Department of Law |
| 14 | Enforcement to notify the credentialing entity of an |
| 15 | applicant's background screening results; providing |
| 16 | that the results of fingerprinting and background |
| 17 | screening of applicants who meet certain requirements |
| 18 | are valid and such applicants are not required to be |
| 19 | subsequently fingerprinted or pass another background |
| 20 | screening; requiring credentialing entities to confirm |
| 21 | whether an applicant has previously been fingerprinted |
| 22 | and passed a background screening within a school |
| 23 | district; requiring credentialing entities to issue |
| 24 | certificates of compliance upon approval of a person's |
| 25 | application; providing for termination of the |
| 26 | certification after a specified time period if the |
| 27 | certification is not renewed; authorizing |
| 28 | credentialing entities to suspend or revoke a |
| 29 | certificate of compliance under specified conditions; |

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| 30 | requiring charter schools to remove a charter school |
| 31 | principal, charter school governing board member, or |
| 32 | charter school chief financial officer from his or her |
| 33 | position, as applicable, under specified conditions; |
| 34 | requiring charter schools to notify the credentialing |
| 35 | entity of such removal; providing that certain |
| 36 | decisions by a department-recognized credentialing |
| 37 | program are reviewable by the Department of Education; |
| 38 | providing that an aggrieved person may request an |
| 39 | administrative hearing within a specified timeframe |
| 40 | after receiving an adverse determination after |
| 41 | completion of an appeals process offered by the |
| 42 | credentialing program; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; |
| 43 | deleting obsolete language; revising charter school |
| 44 | application deadline requirements; authorizing certain |
| 45 | charter school applicants to open charter schools |
| 46 | before a specified timeframe and after approval; |
| 47 | prohibiting specified individuals and entities from |
| 48 | submitting an application to open a charter school for |
| 49 | specified periods of time; defining the term |
| 50 | "relative" for the purpose of applying the |
| 51 | prohibition; requiring each charter school principal, |
| 52 | governing board member, chief financial officer, or |
| 53 | their equivalent, to meet certain certification |
| 54 | requirements; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; authorizing |
| 55 | virtual charter schools to provide part-time virtual |
| 56 | instruction for certain students; providing that a |
| 57 | charter school may be an approved provider; providing |
| 58 | an effective date. |
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| 60 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 62 | Section 1. Section 1001.241, Florida Statutes, is created |
| 63 | to read: |
| 64 | 1001.241 Third-party credentialing entities |
| 65 | (1) The department shall approve one or more third-party |
| 66 | credentialing entities for the purposes of developing and |
| 67 | administering a credentialing program for charter school |
| 68 | principals, charter school governing board members, and charter |
| 69 | school chief financial officers. The approved credentialing |
| 70 | entity shall: |
| 71 | (a) Establish position core competencies, certification |
| 72 | requirements, testing instruments, and recertification |
| 73 | requirements for charter school principals, charter school |
| 74 | governing board members, and charter school chief financial |
| 75 | officers. |
| 76 | (b) Establish a process to administer the certification |
| 77 | application, award, and maintenance processes. |
| 78 | (c) Develop and administer: |
| 79 | 1. A code of ethics and disciplinary process. |
| 80 | 2. Biennial continuing education requirements and annual |
| 81 | certification renewal requirements. |
| 82 | 3. An education provider program to approve training |
| 83 | entities that are qualified to provide precertification training |
| 84 | to applicants and continuing education opportunities to |
| 85 | certified persons. |
| 86 | (2) A credentialing entity shall establish a certification |
| 87 | program that: |

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| 88 | (a) Is directly related to the core competencies. |
| 89 | (b) Establishes minimum requirements in each of the |
| 90 | following categories: |
| 91 | 1. Training. |
| 92 | 2. On-the-job work experience. |
| 93 | 3. Supervision. |
| 94 | 4. Testing. |
| 95 | 5. Biennial continuing education. |
| 96 | (c) Requires adherence to a code of ethics and provides for |
| 97 | a disciplinary process that applies to certified persons. |
| 98 | (d) Approves qualified training entities that provide |
| 99 | precertification training to applicants and continuing education |
| 100 | to charter school principals, charter school governing board |
| 101 | members, and charter school chief financial officers. To avoid a |
| 102 | conflict of interest, a credentialing entity or its affiliate |
| 103 | may not deliver training to an applicant or continuing education |
| 104 | to a certificateholder. |
| 105 | (3) All applicants are subject to level 2 background |
| 106 | screening as provided under chapter 435. An applicant is |
| 107 | ineligible, and a credentialing entity shall deny the |
| 108 | application, if the applicant has been found guilty of, or has |
| 109 | entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of |
| 110 | adjudication, any offense listed in s. 435.04(2) unless the |
| 111 | department has issued an exemption under s. 397.4872. In |
| 112 | accordance with s. 435.04, the Department of Law Enforcement |
| 113 | shall notify the credentialing entity of the applicant's |
| 114 | eligibility based on the results of his or her background |
| 115 | screening. Once applicants are fingerprinted and pass the |
| 116 | appropriate background screening in any single school district, |
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| 117 | the results of such fingerprinting and background screening |
| 118 | shall be valid and such applicants may not subsequently be |
| 119 | required to be fingerprinted or pass an appropriate background |
| 120 | screening. The credentialing entity shall confirm whether an |
| 121 | applicant has previously been fingerprinted and passed the |
| 122 | appropriate background screening within the school district. |
| 123 | (4) The credentialing entity shall issue a certificate of |
| 124 | compliance upon approval of a person's application. The |
| 125 | certification shall automatically terminate 1 year after |
| 126 | issuance if not renewed. |
| 127 | (a) A credentialing entity may suspend or revoke the |
| 128 | certificate of compliance of a charter school principal, a |
| 129 | charter school governing board member, or a charter school chief |
| 130 | financial officer if the charter school principal, the charter |
| 131 | school governing board member, or the charter school chief |
| 132 | financial officer fails to adhere to the continuing education |
| 133 | requirements. |
| 134 | (b) A credentialing entity shall revoke a certificate of |
| 135 | compliance of a charter school principal, charter school |
| 136 | governing board member, or charter school chief financial |
| 137 | officer if the charter school principal, charter school |
| 138 | governing board member, or charter school chief financial |
| 139 | officer provides false or misleading information to the |
| 140 | credentialing entity at any time. |
| 141 | (c) If a charter school principal, charter school governing |
| 142 | board member, or charter school chief financial officer is |
| 143 | arrested for or found guilty of, or enters a plea of guilty or |
| 144 | nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any offense |
| 145 | listed in s. 435.04(2) while acting in that capacity, the |

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 146 charter school shall immediately remove the person from that position and shall notify the credentialing entity within 3 147 business days after such removal. 148 149 (5) Any decision by a department-recognized credentialing 150 program to deny certification or otherwise impose sanctions on 151 an individual who is certified is reviewable by the department. 152 The individual aggrieved may request an administrative hearing 153 conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1) within 30 days 154 after receiving an adverse determination after completing any 155 appeals process offered by the credentialing program. 156 Section 2. Present paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of

section 2. Fresent paragraphs (g), (n), and (r) of subsection (12) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (h), (i), and (j), respectively, and a new paragraph (g) is added to that subsection, paragraph (g) is added to subsection (8), and paragraph (b) of subsection (6) and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of that section are amended, to read:

163 1002.33 Charter schools.-

164 (6) APPLICATION PROCESS AND REVIEW.-Charter school165 applications are subject to the following requirements:

(b) A sponsor shall receive and review all applications for 166 167 a charter school using the evaluation instrument developed by 168 the Department of Education. A sponsor shall receive and 169 consider charter school applications received on or before 170 August 1 of each calendar year for charter schools to be opened 171 at the beginning of the school district's next school year, or 172 to be opened at a time determined agreed to by the applicant and 173 the sponsor. A sponsor may not refuse to receive a charter 174 school application submitted before August 1 and may receive an

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 175 application submitted later than August 1 if it chooses. 176 Beginning in 2018 and thereafter, A sponsor shall also receive 177 and consider charter school applications received on or before 178 February 1 of each calendar year for charter schools to be 179 opened 18 months later at the beginning of the school district's 180 school year, or to be opened at a time determined by the 181 applicant. A sponsor may not refuse to receive a charter school 182 application submitted before February 1 and may receive an application submitted later than February 1 if it chooses. A 183 184 sponsor may not charge an applicant for a charter any fee for 185 the processing or consideration of an application, and a sponsor may not base its consideration or approval of a final 186 187 application upon the promise of future payment of any kind. If 188 an applicant is ready to do so, it may open a charter school before the school district's next school year after approval of 189 190 the charter school application submitted by either application 191 deadline. Before approving or denying any application, the 192 sponsor shall allow the applicant, upon receipt of written 193 notification, at least 7 calendar days to make technical or 194 nonsubstantive corrections and clarifications, including, but 195 not limited to, corrections of grammatical, typographical, and 196 like errors or missing signatures, if such errors are identified 197 by the sponsor as cause to deny the final application.

In order to facilitate an accurate budget projection
 process, a sponsor shall be held harmless for FTE students who
 are not included in the FTE projection due to approval of
 charter school applications after the FTE projection deadline.
 In a further effort to facilitate an accurate budget projection,
 within 15 calendar days after receipt of a charter school

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 204 application, a sponsor shall report to the Department of 205 Education the name of the applicant entity, the proposed charter 206 school location, and its projected FTE. 207 2. In order to ensure fiscal responsibility, an application 208 for a charter school shall include a full accounting of expected 209 assets, a projection of expected sources and amounts of income, 210 including income derived from projected student enrollments and 211 from community support, and an expense projection that includes full accounting of the costs of operation, including start-up 212 213 costs. 214 3.a. A sponsor shall by a majority vote approve or deny an 215 application no later than 90 calendar days after the application 216 is received, unless the sponsor and the applicant mutually agree 217 in writing to temporarily postpone the vote to a specific date, 218 at which time the sponsor shall by a majority vote approve or 219 deny the application. If the sponsor fails to act on the 220 application, an applicant may appeal to the State Board of 221 Education as provided in paragraph (c). If an application is 222 denied, the sponsor shall, within 10 calendar days after such 223 denial, articulate in writing the specific reasons, based upon 224 good cause, supporting its denial of the application and shall 225 provide the letter of denial and supporting documentation to the 226 applicant and to the Department of Education.

b. An application submitted by a high-performing charter school identified pursuant to s. 1002.331 or a high-performing charter school system identified pursuant to s. 1002.332 may be denied by the sponsor only if the sponsor demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that:

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(I) The application of a high-performing charter school

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 233 does not materially comply with the requirements in paragraph 234 (a) or, for a high-performing charter school system, the 235 application does not materially comply with s. 1002.332(2)(b); 236 (II) The charter school proposed in the application does 237 not materially comply with the requirements in paragraphs 238 (9) (a) - (f); 239 (III) The proposed charter school's educational program 240 does not substantially replicate that of the applicant or one of the applicant's high-performing charter schools; 241 242 (IV) The applicant has made a material misrepresentation or 243 false statement or concealed an essential or material fact 244 during the application process; or 245 (V) The proposed charter school's educational program and financial management practices do not materially comply with the 246 247 requirements of this section. 248 249 Material noncompliance is a failure to follow requirements or a 250 violation of prohibitions applicable to charter school 251 applications, which failure is quantitatively or qualitatively 252 significant either individually or when aggregated with other 253 noncompliance. An applicant is considered to be replicating a 254 high-performing charter school if the proposed school is 255 substantially similar to at least one of the applicant's high-256 performing charter schools and the organization or individuals 257 involved in the establishment and operation of the proposed 258 school are significantly involved in the operation of replicated 259 schools. 260 c. If the sponsor denies an application submitted by a

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high-performing charter school or a high-performing charter

585-04138-19 20191224c2 262 school system, the sponsor must, within 10 calendar days after 263 such denial, state in writing the specific reasons, based upon the criteria in sub-subparagraph b., supporting its denial of 264 265 the application and must provide the letter of denial and 266 supporting documentation to the applicant and to the Department 267 of Education. The applicant may appeal the sponsor's denial of 268 the application in accordance with paragraph (c). 269 4. For budget projection purposes, the sponsor shall report 270 to the Department of Education the approval or denial of an 271 application within 10 calendar days after such approval or denial. In the event of approval, the report to the Department 272 273 of Education shall include the final projected FTE for the 274 approved charter school. 275 5. Upon approval of an application, the initial startup 276 shall commence with the beginning of the public school calendar 277 for the district in which the charter is granted. A charter 278 school may defer the opening of the school's operations for up

to 3 years to provide time for adequate facility planning. The charter school must provide written notice of such intent to the sponsor and the parents of enrolled students at least 30 calendar days before the first day of school.

283 (7) CHARTER.-The terms and conditions for the operation of 284 a charter school shall be set forth by the sponsor and the 285 applicant in a written contractual agreement, called a charter. 286 The sponsor and the governing board of the charter school shall 287 use the standard charter contract pursuant to subsection (21), 288 which shall incorporate the approved application and any addenda 289 approved with the application. Any term or condition of a proposed charter contract that differs from the standard charter 290

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 291 contract adopted by rule of the State Board of Education shall 292 be presumed a limitation on charter school flexibility. The 293 sponsor may not impose unreasonable rules or regulations that 294 violate the intent of giving charter schools greater flexibility 295 to meet educational goals. The charter shall be signed by the 296 governing board of the charter school and the sponsor, following 297 a public hearing to ensure community input. 298 (a) The charter shall address and criteria for approval of 299 the charter shall be based on: 1. The school's mission, the students to be served, and the 300 301 ages and grades to be included. 302 2. The focus of the curriculum, the instructional methods 303 to be used, any distinctive instructional techniques to be 304 employed, and identification and acquisition of appropriate 305 technologies needed to improve educational and administrative 306 performance which include a means for promoting safe, ethical, 307 and appropriate uses of technology which comply with legal and 308 professional standards. 309 a. The charter shall ensure that reading is a primary focus 310 of the curriculum and that resources are provided to identify 311 and provide specialized instruction for students who are reading 312 below grade level. The curriculum and instructional strategies 313 for reading must be consistent with the Next Generation Sunshine 314 State Standards and grounded in scientifically based reading 315 research.

316 b. In order to provide students with access to diverse 317 instructional delivery models, to facilitate the integration of 318 technology within traditional classroom instruction, and to 319 provide students with the skills they need to compete in the

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 320 21st century economy, the Legislature encourages instructional 321 methods for blended learning courses consisting of both 322 traditional classroom and online instructional techniques. 323 Charter schools may implement blended learning courses which 324 combine traditional classroom instruction and virtual 325 instruction. Students in a blended learning course must be full-326 time students of the charter school pursuant to s. 327 1011.61(1)(a)1. Instructional personnel certified pursuant to s. 328 1012.55 who provide virtual instruction for blended learning 329 courses may be employees of the charter school or may be under 330 contract to provide instructional services to charter school 331 students. At a minimum, such instructional personnel must hold 332 an active state or school district adjunct certification under 333 s. 1012.57 for the subject area of the blended learning course. 334 The funding and performance accountability requirements for 335 blended learning courses are the same as those for traditional 336 courses.

337 3. The current incoming baseline standard of student 338 academic achievement, the outcomes to be achieved, and the 339 method of measurement that will be used. The criteria listed in 340 this subparagraph shall include a detailed description of:

341 a. How the baseline student academic achievement levels and342 prior rates of academic progress will be established.

343 b. How these baseline rates will be compared to rates of 344 academic progress achieved by these same students while 345 attending the charter school.

c. To the extent possible, how these rates of progress will
be evaluated and compared with rates of progress of other
closely comparable student populations.

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The district school board is required to provide academic student performance data to charter schools for each of their students coming from the district school system, as well as rates of academic progress of comparable student populations in the district school system.

355 4. The methods used to identify the educational strengths 356 and needs of students and how well educational goals and 357 performance standards are met by students attending the charter 358 school. The methods shall provide a means for the charter school 359 to ensure accountability to its constituents by analyzing 360 student performance data and by evaluating the effectiveness and 361 efficiency of its major educational programs. Students in 362 charter schools shall, at a minimum, participate in the 363 statewide assessment program created under s. 1008.22.

364 5. In secondary charter schools, a method for determining
365 that a student has satisfied the requirements for graduation in
366 s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282.

367 6. A method for resolving conflicts between the governing368 board of the charter school and the sponsor.

369 7. The admissions procedures and dismissal procedures, 370 including the school's code of student conduct. Admission or 371 dismissal must not be based on a student's academic performance.

372 8. The ways by which the school will achieve a 373 racial/ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves or 374 within the racial/ethnic range of other public schools in the 375 same school district.

376 9. The financial and administrative management of the 377 school, including a reasonable demonstration of the professional

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 378 experience or competence of those individuals or organizations 379 applying to operate the charter school or those hired or 380 retained to perform such professional services and the 381 description of clearly delineated responsibilities and the 382 policies and practices needed to effectively manage the charter 383 school. A description of internal audit procedures and 384 establishment of controls to ensure that financial resources are 385 properly managed must be included. Both public sector and 386 private sector professional experience shall be equally valid in 387 such a consideration.

388 10. The asset and liability projections required in the 389 application which are incorporated into the charter and shall be 390 compared with information provided in the annual report of the 391 charter school.

392 11. A description of procedures that identify various risks 393 and provide for a comprehensive approach to reduce the impact of 394 losses; plans to ensure the safety and security of students and 395 staff; plans to identify, minimize, and protect others from 396 violent or disruptive student behavior; and the manner in which 397 the school will be insured, including whether or not the school 398 will be required to have liability insurance, and, if so, the 399 terms and conditions thereof and the amounts of coverage.

400 12. The term of the charter which shall provide for 401 cancellation of the charter if insufficient progress has been 402 made in attaining the student achievement objectives of the 403 charter and if it is not likely that such objectives can be 404 achieved before expiration of the charter. The initial term of a 405 charter shall be for 5 years, excluding 2 planning years. In 406 order to facilitate access to long-term financial resources for

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407 charter school construction, charter schools that are operated 408 by a municipality or other public entity as provided by law are eligible for up to a 15-year charter, subject to approval by the 409 410 district school board. A charter lab school is eligible for a 411 charter for a term of up to 15 years. In addition, to facilitate 412 access to long-term financial resources for charter school 413 construction, charter schools that are operated by a private, 414 not-for-profit, s. 501(c)(3) status corporation are eligible for up to a 15-year charter, subject to approval by the district 415 416 school board. Such long-term charters remain subject to annual 417 review and may be terminated during the term of the charter, but 418 only according to the provisions set forth in subsection (8).

419 13. The facilities to be used and their location. The 420 sponsor may not require a charter school to have a certificate 421 of occupancy or a temporary certificate of occupancy for such a 422 facility earlier than 15 calendar days before the first day of 423 school.

14. The qualifications to be required of the teachers and
the potential strategies used to recruit, hire, train, and
retain qualified staff to achieve best value.

427 15. The governance structure of the school, including the 428 status of the charter school as a public or private employer as 429 required in paragraph $(12)(j) = \frac{(12)(i)}{(12)(i)}$.

430 16. A timetable for implementing the charter which 431 addresses the implementation of each element thereof and the 432 date by which the charter shall be awarded in order to meet this 433 timetable.

434 17. In the case of an existing public school that is being435 converted to charter status, alternative arrangements for

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 436 current students who choose not to attend the charter school and 437 for current teachers who choose not to teach in the charter 438 school after conversion in accordance with the existing 439 collective bargaining agreement or district school board rule in 440 the absence of a collective bargaining agreement. However, 441 alternative arrangements shall not be required for current 442 teachers who choose not to teach in a charter lab school, except 443 as authorized by the employment policies of the state university 444 which grants the charter to the lab school.

445 18. Full disclosure of the identity of all relatives 446 employed by the charter school who are related to the charter 447 school owner, president, chairperson of the governing board of 448 directors, superintendent, governing board member, principal, 449 assistant principal, or any other person employed by the charter 450 school who has equivalent decisionmaking authority. For the 451 purpose of this subparagraph, the term "relative" means father, 452 mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first 453 cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-454 law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, 455 stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, 456 stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

457 19. Implementation of the activities authorized under s. 458 1002.331 by the charter school when it satisfies the eligibility 459 requirements for a high-performing charter school. A high-460 performing charter school shall notify its sponsor in writing by 461 March 1 if it intends to increase enrollment or expand grade 462 levels the following school year. The written notice shall 463 specify the amount of the enrollment increase and the grade 464 levels that will be added, as applicable.

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585-04138-19 20191224c2 465 (8) CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF CHARTER.-466 (g)1. If a charter is terminated or a charter school closes 467 before the end of a school year or within 3 years after 468 beginning operations and, after a specific finding by the school 469 district of material fraud, disregard of generally accepted 470 accounting principles, or of intentional malfeasance by an 471 applicant for the charter, the charter school owner, the charter school president, charter school governing board members, and 472 473 the relatives of such owner, upon findings made by the school 474 district, the applicant for the charter, the charter school 475 owner, the charter school president, the charter school 476 governing board members, and the relatives of such owner, 477 president, or governing board member may not submit an 478 application to open a charter school in this state pursuant to 479 subsection (6) for a period of 5 years after the termination of 480 the charter or closure of the charter school. The applicant for 481 the charter, the charter school owner, the charter school 482 president, the charter school governing board members, and the 483 relatives of such owner, president, or governing board member, 484 may appeal to the charter appeals commission the school 485 district's finding of material fraud, intentional malfeasance, 486 or disregard of generally accepted accounting principles. 487 2. If a charter school owner, a charter school president, a 488 member of a charter school governing board, a charter management 489 organization, or an education management organization is 490 convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, material 491 fraud or serious financial theft offenses, misrepresentation, 492 fraud, or misappropriation related to the operation of a charter school, that owner, president, or governing board member, 493

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| 494 | including any relatives of such individuals, or the charter |
| 495 | management organization or the education management |
| 496 | organization, may not submit an application to open a charter |
| 497 | school in this state pursuant to subsection (6) for a period of |
| 498 | 10 years after such conviction. |
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| 500 | For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "relative" has the |
| 501 | same meaning as specified in subparagraph (24)(a)2. |
| 502 | (12) EMPLOYEES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS |
| 503 | (g) Each charter school principal, governing board member, |
| 504 | chief financial officer, or equivalent position must hold a |
| 505 | valid certification issued by a third-party credentialing entity |
| 506 | that is recognized under s. 1001.241, at least 30 days before |
| 507 | the school opens or within 30 days of the first date of |
| 508 | employment, whichever comes first. The credentialing entity must |
| 509 | certify the individual's core competence in the administration |
| 510 | of a charter school, including, but not limited to, developing |
| 511 | and adjusting business plans; accurate financial planning and |
| 512 | good business practices, including accounting for costs and |
| 513 | income; state and federal grant and student performance |
| 514 | accountability requirements; identification of, and application |
| 515 | for, state and federal funding sources; and governance, |
| 516 | including government in the sunshine, conflicts of interest, |
| 517 | ethics, and financial responsibility. An individual certified |
| 518 | under this paragraph meets the training requirements under |
| 519 | subparagraph (h)3., paragraph (6)(f), and subparagraph (9)(j)4. |
| 520 | Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section |
| 521 | 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 522 | 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs |

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| 523 | (1) PROGRAM |
| 524 | (d) A virtual charter school may provide <u>part-time and</u> |
| 525 | full-time virtual instruction for students in kindergarten |
| 526 | through grade 12 if the virtual charter school has a charter |
| 527 | approved pursuant to s. 1002.33 authorizing full-time virtual |
| 528 | instruction. A virtual charter school may: |
| 529 | 1. Contract with the Florida Virtual School. |
| 530 | 2. Contract with <u>or be</u> an approved provider under |
| 531 | subsection (2). |
| 532 | 3. Enter into an agreement with a school district to allow |
| 533 | the participation of the virtual charter school's students in |
| 534 | the school district's virtual instruction program. The agreement |
| 535 | must indicate a process for reporting of student enrollment and |
| 536 | the transfer of funds required by paragraph (7)(e). |
| 537 | Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020. |
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