

By Senator Diaz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida Institute for Charter  
3       School Innovation; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;  
4       requiring the Department of Education to collaborate  
5       with the Florida Institute for Charter School  
6       Innovation in developing a sponsor evaluation  
7       framework for charter schools; creating s. 1004.88,  
8       F.S.; establishing the institute at Miami Dade  
9       College; providing the purpose of the institute;  
10      specifying the duties of the institute; authorizing  
11      the institute to apply for and receive certain grants;  
12      requiring the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade  
13      College to establish policies regarding the institute;  
14      providing an appropriation; providing an effective  
15      date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19       Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section  
20       1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21       1002.33 Charter schools.—

22       (5) SPONSOR; DUTIES.—

23       (c) *Sponsor accountability*.—

24       1. The department ~~shall~~, in collaboration with charter  
25       school sponsors, and charter school operators, and the Florida  
26       Institute for Charter School Innovation established under s.  
27       1004.88 shall develop a sponsor evaluation framework that must  
28       address, at a minimum:

29       a. The sponsor's strategic vision for charter school

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30 authorization and the sponsor's progress toward that vision.

31 b. The alignment of the sponsor's policies and practices to  
32 best practices for charter school authorization.

33 c. The academic and financial performance of all operating  
34 charter schools overseen by the sponsor.

35 d. The status of charter schools authorized by the sponsor,  
36 including approved, operating, and closed schools.

37 2. The department shall compile the results by sponsor and  
38 include the results in the report required under sub-sub-  
39 subparagraph (b)1.k.(III).

40 Section 2. Section 1004.88, Florida Statutes, is created to  
41 read:

42 1004.88 Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation.—

43 (1) The Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation is  
44 established at Miami Dade College for the purpose of improving  
45 charter school authorizing practices in this state.

46 (2) The institute shall do all of the following:

47 (a) Create a state resource of best practices for charter  
48 school applications and application review.

49 (b) Provide charter school sponsors with training,  
50 technical assistance, and support in reviewing initial and  
51 renewal charter applications.

52 (c) Conduct applied research on policy and practices  
53 related to charter schools.

54 (d) Conduct or compile basic research on the status of  
55 educational choice, charter authorizing, and charter school  
56 performance in this state, and other topics related to charter  
57 schools.

58 (e) Collaborate with the Department of Education in

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59 developing the sponsor evaluation framework pursuant to s.  
60 1002.33(5)(c).

61 (f) Disseminate information regarding research-based  
62 charter school teaching practices to teacher educators in this  
63 state.

64 (g) Host research workshops and conferences that allow  
65 charter school sponsors, charter school operators, students, and  
66 parents to engage in topics related to charter schools.

67 (3) The institute may apply for and receive federal, state,  
68 or local agency grants for the purposes of this section.

69 (4) The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College  
70 shall establish policies for the supervision, administration,  
71 and governance of the institute.

72 Section 3. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sum of \$1  
73 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General  
74 Revenue Fund to Miami Dade College to create and implement the  
75 Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation, established by  
76 this act.

77 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.