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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to charter school facilities; amending
s. 1002.33, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a school
district to have an agreement to construct a school on
vacant land by a specified date; requiring a school
district to offer vacant land to charter school
operators within the district before other parties,
under certain conditions; requiring a school district
to award vacant land within a specified timeframe to
the charter school operator that submits the most
advantageous proposal within a specified timeframe;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (18) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.—

(18) FACILITIES.—

(i)1. For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

a. "Charter school operator" means an organization holding a charter contract with an authorizer as described in s. 333(2)(a) and charter school management organizations that are accredited by a regional accreditation agency, including the North Central Association Commission on

26 Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest
27 Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of
28 Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School
29 Improvement.

30 b. "Vacant land" means a parcel of real property upon
31 which no buildings, structures, or other permanent improvements
32 have been constructed or installed which is owned by a district
33 school board for 3 or more years in a district that has
34 experienced a decrease in student enrollment, year over year,
35 for 3 or more consecutive years, excluding student enrollment of
36 charter schools within the district.

37 2.a. Vacant land must first be offered by the district
38 school board to all charter school operators within the school
39 district. A school district that owns vacant land must have an
40 agreement to construct a school on such land with a developer or
41 contractor by July 1, 2027. If such an agreement is not in place
42 by July 1, 2027, the school district has 60 days to offer the
43 vacant land to all charter school operators within the school
44 district.

45 b. Charter school operators have 120 days after receiving
46 notice of an offer from the school district to submit a proposal
47 for constructing a charter school on the vacant land. A school
48 district has 60 days after receiving such proposals to award the
49 vacant land by sending a written notice to the charter school
50 operator determined by the school district to have made the most

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51 advantageous proposal.

52 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.