

HB 3953 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows federally recognized tribes to apply directly to the State Board of Education for sponsorship of a charter school.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 100, creating laws regulating public charter schools. The law created a process for those wishing to open public charter schools to apply for sponsorship from a local school district and for local school boards to evaluate and approve applications. Current law requires specific elements be included in a proposal for sponsorship, establishes requirements for the evaluation process and criteria, and allows the State Board of Education to both review local board decisions and to sponsor public charter schools whose proposal has been rejected by a school board.

Public charter schools receive public funding. Students enrolled in the public charter school are considered residents of the school district in which the public charter school is located.