

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2628

Introduced by Assembly Member Leach

February 21, 2002

An act to add Section 47604.3.1 to the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2628, as introduced, Leach. Charter schools: oversight authority.

Existing law, the Charter Schools Act of 1992, authorizes the establishment of charter schools, as a part of the public school system, and authorizes the governing board of a school district, a county office of education, or, in the case of an appeal of the denial of a petition, the county office of education or the State Board of Education, to approve a charter for the operation of a charter school. The act requires a charter school to respond promptly to all reasonable inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding its financial records, from its chartering authority or from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to consult with the chartering authority or the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding those inquiries.

This bill would grant general authority to the county superintendent of schools to monitor the operations of a charter school located within that county and to conduct an investigation into the operations of that charter school, based on parental complaints or other information that justifies the investigation, and would prescribe related matters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 47604.3.1 is added, immediately
2 following Section 47604.3, to the Education Code, to read:
3 47604.3.1. In addition to the authority granted by Section
4 47604.3, the county superintendent of schools may monitor the
5 operations of a charter school located within that county and
6 conduct an investigation into the operations of that charter school,
7 based on parental complaints or other information that justifies the
8 investigation. The authority granted by this section shall apply to
9 all charter schools located within the county, regardless of whether
10 the charter school petition for the operation of the charter school
11 that is the subject of the investigation was approved by the school
12 district or county office of education where the charter school is
13 located.

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