

FACT SHEET: HB24-1363, CHARTER SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABILITY

It's been 30 years since the passage of the original charter school law, and evidence exists that the law needs some changes. HB24-1363 will bring more transparency about what is happening at charter schools and hold them more accountable. Specifically, the bill will:

- Improve accountability to taxpayers. Taxpayers will be *more informed and engaged* about the actions related to charter schools through:
 - Heightened knowledge of all funding and resource allocations to charter schools, including gifts, grants, donations, and fundraising.
 - Information about what charter schools spend their funds on, including marketing expenditures.
 - Assurances of fair fiduciary responsibilities for board members and charter leaders.
- Support local school boards. They will have *enhanced control* on issues that affect their communities regarding charter schools:
 - Assurance that charter applications meet an unmet need for students.
 - Authority for the full approval process for charter school applications and appeals.
 - Flexibility in addressing declining enrollment when considering new schools or closing existing ones.
 - The ability to negotiate for charter school use of buildings and land.
 - The opportunity to determine all waivers granted in charter school contracts.
- Increase family engagement. Families will have *more involvement* and gain *increased knowledge* regarding the charter schools in their districts on:
 - Assured parent participation on local charter school boards.
 - Available and easy-to-understand data on charter waivers, laws, and policies on charter school websites.
 - Awareness about the resources charter schools use to meet special education needs.
 - Access to information about teacher and administrator effectiveness.
 - Increased district accountability committee involvement in charter renewals.

HB24-1363 is supported by the following organizations, as well as the Latino Education Coalition and Servicio Sigue:

