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SYNOPSIS

Directs Commissioner of Education to maintain charter school waiting lists for admission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning charter school waiting lists and supplementing
2 P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-1 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*
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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Education shall maintain a waiting
8 list for each charter school in the State for the admission of grade-
9 eligible students that:

10 (1) begins with the close of the annual initial recruitment period
11 and first random selection process and ends with the close of the
12 subsequent school year; and

13 (2) is divided into two groups: students from the charter school
14 district of residence or region of residence and students from non-
15 resident districts.

16 b. During the recruitment period, a charter school shall notify a
17 parent or guardian that the child shall remain on the waiting list for
18 enrollment for the subsequent school year only.

19 c. Each waiting list shall be made publicly available, upon
20 request.

21 d. The information required pursuant to subsections a. and b. of
22 this section shall be provided, to the maximum extent feasible, in
23 the native languages of the parents or guardians of the students
24 enrolled in the charter school.

25 e. A charter school shall not maintain its own waiting list for
26 the admission of students.
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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
29 the first full school year following the date of enactment.
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32 STATEMENT
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34 State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:11-4.6 direct
35 each charter school to maintain a waiting list for admission of
36 students. This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to
37 maintain a waiting list for each charter school in the State for the
38 admission of grade-eligible students that:

39 (1) begins with the close of the annual initial recruitment period
40 and first random selection process and ends with the close of the
41 subsequent school year; and

42 (2) is divided into two groups: students from the charter school
43 district of residence or region of residence and students from non-
44 resident districts.

45 The bill provides that during the recruitment period, a charter
46 school must notify a parent or guardian that his child will remain on
47 the waiting list for enrollment for the subsequent school year only.

1 The bill requires that each waiting list be made publicly
2 available, upon request. The information required pursuant to the
3 bill's provisions must be provided, to the maximum extent feasible,
4 in the native languages of the parents or guardians of the students
5 enrolled in the charter school.

6 Finally, the bill prohibits a charter school from maintaining its
7 own waiting list for student admissions.