

Senators Thompson of the 5th, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th and Carter of the 42nd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend SB 501 by striking line 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

2 powers; to revise the duties of the Charter Advisory Committee; to require charter
3 petitioners to

4 *By striking lines 254 through 290 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

5 "20-2-2063.1.

6 (a) The state board shall establish a Charter Advisory Committee to review charter
7 petitions for charter systems for compliance with established standards of the state board,
8 to make recommendations to the state board on charter policy, and to provide
9 recommendations to the state board regarding charter petitions for charter systems. The
10 committee shall be composed of nine members as follows:

11 (1) Three members appointed by the chairperson of the state board;

12 (2) Three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

13 (3) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

14 All members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing officials. The
15 committee shall elect a chairperson from among its membership.

16 (b) The committee shall conduct itself in accordance with any rules and guidelines
17 established by the state board with regard to timeframes, procedures, and protocol.

18 (c) The committee shall be authorized to request clarifying information from a charter
19 petitioner and to receive input from interested parties on a charter petition for a charter
20 system.

21 (d) The committee shall:

22 (1) Make recommendations to the state board of approval or denial on each charter
23 petition for a charter system and shall specify the reasons for such recommendations;

24 (2) Periodically make recommendations to the state board regarding charter policy; and

25 (3) Make recommendations to the state board on the disbursement of planning grants for
26 charter systems, if funds are made available.

27 (e) The committee shall be authorized to enter into contracts, subject to available funding,
28 with one or more consultants to assist the committee in its duties and if directed to do so
29 by the committee, to do the following:

30 (1) Assist charter petitioners for charter systems in the drafting of their petitions;

- 31 (2) Assist charter petitioners for charter systems in the design and implementation of
 32 innovative education programs and school level governance based on research, model
 33 programs, or other credible information;
- 34 (3) Monitor and assist ~~charter schools and~~ charter systems; and
- 35 (4) Perform any other functions related to the support of the committee.
- 36 (f) The committee shall work in cooperation with the Office of Charter School
 37 Compliance, as established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2069.
- 38 (g) The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services but
 39 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out
 40 their duties.
- 41 (h) The committee shall be assigned to the Department of Education for administrative
 42 purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

43 *By striking lines 294 through 308 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

44 "(c) Prior to approval or denial of a charter petition for a charter system, the state board
 45 shall receive and give all due consideration to the recommendation and input from the
 46 Charter Advisory Committee established in Code Section 20-2-2063.1. The state board
 47 shall approve the charter if the state board finds, after receiving input from the Charter
 48 Advisory Committee, that the petition complies with the rules, regulations, policies, and
 49 procedures promulgated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063 and the provisions of this
 50 title, is in the public interest, and promotes school level governance."

51 "(e)(1) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, the
 52 state board, after receiving input and recommendations from the Charter Advisory
 53 Committee, shall disburse planning grants to local school systems which desire to
 54 become charter systems. Such grants will be disbursed in accordance with any applicable
 55 guidelines, policies, and requirements established by the state board.

56 *By striking lines 415 through 419 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

57 (3) Process all charter school and charter system petitions and coordinate with the
 58 Charter Advisory Committee established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063.1 and the
 59 Georgia Charter Schools Advisory Commission established pursuant to Code Section
 60 20-2-2082 to facilitate its their review and recommendations, as applicable, to local
 61 boards of education and the state board;