

**ADOPTED**

Senators Brass of the 28th and Millar of the 40th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 787 (LC 33 7467S)*  
 2 *by striking "15" on line 5 and inserting in lieu thereof "2".*

3 *By inserting after "experience;" on line 6 the following:*

4 to provide for the establishment of a grant program to replicate high-performing charter  
 5 schools; to provide for contingency on appropriations; to provide for criteria; to provide  
 6 for rules and regulations;

7 *By inserting "to provide for a hold harmless clause;" after "penalties;" on line 9.*

8 *By striking lines 271 through 320 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

9 (B) The state-wide average amount of the total revenues less federal revenues less state  
 10 revenues other than equalization grants per full-time equivalent for the lowest five  
 11 school systems ranked by assessed valuation per weighted full-time equivalent count,  
 12 as determined by the department all school systems or the average amount of the total  
 13 revenues less federal revenues less state revenues other than equalization grants per  
 14 full-time equivalent for the local school systems that comprise the attendance zone of  
 15 the state chartered special school, whichever is less; and

16 (C)(i) For brick-and-mortar state chartered special schools, the ~~The~~ state-wide  
 17 average total capital revenue, excluding local revenue bonds, per full-time equivalent,  
 18 as determined by the department or the capital revenue per full-time equivalent for the  
 19 local school system where the brick-and-mortar state chartered special school is  
 20 located, whichever is greater; and

21 (ii) For state chartered special schools that offer virtual instruction, an amount equal  
 22 to 20 percent of the state-wide average total capital revenue per full-time equivalent  
 23 if such school provides computer hardware, software, associated technical equipment,  
 24 and ongoing maintenance required and necessary for its students to participate in such  
 25 virtual instruction.

26 (2) In the event that a state chartered special school offers virtual instruction, the:

27 ~~(A)~~ The amount of funds received pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of  
 28 this subsection shall be equal to two-thirds of such calculated amount; provided,  
 29 however, that this two-thirds amount may be increased by any amount up to the

30 originally calculated amount in the discretion of the department if relevant factors  
 31 warrant such increase; and  
 32 ~~(B) The department may reduce the amount of funds received pursuant to~~  
 33 ~~subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection in proportion to the amount of~~  
 34 ~~virtual instruction provided and based on factors that affect the cost of providing~~  
 35 ~~instruction.~~

36 *By striking "15" on lines 352, 361, and 363, and inserting in lieu thereof "2".*

37 *By inserting between lines 367 and 368 the following:*

38 **SECTION 6A.**

39 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

40 "20-2-2075.

41 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish a grant program for the purpose  
 42 of replicating high-performing charter schools, including local charter schools, state  
 43 chartered special schools, and state charter schools. The grant program shall include  
 44 funding, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, for grants to charter applicants  
 45 and existing charter schools to replicate high-performing charter schools or features or  
 46 programs of high-performing charter schools that have been proven to be effective.

47 (b) Grants shall be provided primarily for charter schools in rural areas, charter schools  
 48 that primarily serve students with special needs, and charter schools that serve  
 49 educationally disadvantaged students.

50 (c) Grants shall be awarded based on criteria, terms, and conditions established by the  
 51 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Charter Schools Commission. The  
 52 grant program criteria may take into account the likelihood of success in replicating a  
 53 high-performing charter school or feature or program of a high-performing charter school,  
 54 whether a particular model lends itself to replication, the reasonableness of the costs  
 55 involved in replication, and such other criteria deemed appropriate.

56 (d) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Charter Schools  
 57 Commission, is authorized to develop rules and regulations to implement the grant program  
 58 established pursuant to this Code section."

59 *By striking lines 392 through 440 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

60 (B) The state-wide average amount of the total revenues less federal revenues less state  
 61 revenues other than equalization grants per full-time equivalent for ~~the lowest five~~  
 62 ~~school systems ranked by assessed valuation per weighted full-time equivalent count,~~  
 63 ~~as determined by the department~~ all school systems or the average amount of the total

64 revenues less federal revenues less state revenues other than equalization grants per  
 65 full-time equivalent for the local school systems that comprise the attendance zone of  
 66 the state charter school, whichever is less; and

67 (C)(i) For brick-and-mortar state charter schools, the ~~The~~ state-wide average total  
 68 capital revenue, excluding local revenue bonds, per full-time equivalent, as  
 69 determined by the department or the capital revenue per full-time equivalent for the  
 70 local school system where the brick-and-mortar state charter school is located,  
 71 whichever is greater; and

72 (ii) For state charter schools that offer virtual instruction, an amount equal to 20  
 73 percent of the state-wide average total capital revenue per full-time equivalent if such  
 74 school provides computer hardware, software, associated technical equipment, and  
 75 ongoing maintenance required and necessary for its students to participate in such  
 76 virtual instruction.

77 (2) In the event that a state charter school offers virtual instruction, the:

78 ~~(A) The amount of funds received pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of~~  
 79 ~~this subsection shall be equal to two-thirds of such calculated amount; provided,~~  
 80 ~~however, that this two-thirds amount may be increased by any amount up to the~~  
 81 ~~originally calculated amount in the discretion of the commission if relevant factors~~  
 82 ~~warrant such increase; and~~

83 ~~(B) The commission may reduce the amount of funds received pursuant to~~  
 84 ~~subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection in proportion to the amount of~~  
 85 ~~virtual instruction provided and based on factors that affect the cost of providing~~  
 86 ~~instruction.~~

87 *By striking "15" on lines 460, 469, and 471, and inserting in lieu thereof "2".*

88 *By inserting between lines 559 and 560 the following:*

89 **SECTION 7B.**

90 Each state chartered special school and each state charter school shall be held harmless and  
 91 guaranteed to receive at least the level of funds in subsequent fiscal years that was received  
 92 by such state chartered special school or state charter school in fiscal year 2018.