

**ADOPTED**

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 409 (LC 39 4350S)*  
2 *by replacing lines 1 and 2 with "To amend Titles 20 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia*  
3 *Annotated, relating to education and".*

4 *By inserting after "routes;" on line 4 the following:*

5 to provide for a definition; to provide for state charter schools to hire employees of  
6 education service providers; to provide for the ability of governing boards to dismiss such  
7 employees; to provide for governing boards' responsibility for such employees' actions;

8 *By replacing lines 13 and 14 with "Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,*  
9 *relating to education, is amended by adding a".*

10 *By inserting before line 20 the following:*

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**SECTION 3.**

12 Said title is further amended in Article 31A of Chapter 2, relating to state charter schools, by  
13 adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools,  
14 requirements of school, governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous  
15 service prohibited, to read as follows:

16 "(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'education service provider' means any  
17 organization that contracts with new or existing charter schools to provide services  
18 including, but not limited to, curriculum design, professional development, student

19 assessments, financial and operational management, facilities management, human  
20 resources management, or employee benefits.

21 (2) A state charter school may utilize teachers, other instructional staff, and  
22 noninstructional staff who are employees of an education service provider only if the  
23 governing board of such state charter school retains the authority to select and dismiss  
24 such teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff from service at the state  
25 charter school.

26 (3) The governing board of a state charter school shall remain responsible and  
27 accountable for all operations, compliance, and performance of any employees of an  
28 education service provider utilized by such state charter school."

29 *By renumbering Sections 3 through 5 as Sections 4 through 6, respectively.*