

HB 2039 -- Reading-intensive Charter School Pilot Program

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This bill allows the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve one pilot program school for accelerated reading instruction in early childhood and early elementary grades in each district where a charter school is permitted to operate. The district will sponsor the school, and an adjacent school district would use its own personnel to operate the school for a period of four years, using a reading program recognized as having a high rate of success in high density districts. The state board may promulgate rules for an expedited approval process. The operating school district may give notice to the sponsor no earlier than the third year of operation of its intent not to operate under a renewed charter.