

HB 137 -- CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

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This bill requires charter schools and each school district to include an annual independent audit to verify pupil residency.

The bill requires school districts to pay for each pupil attending a charter school in that district based on the formula established in the bill which includes all state aid and local aid received by the school district divided by the total weighted average daily attendance of the school district and all charter schools within the school district. The bill defines "local aid" to include all local and county revenue received by the school district and charter schools within the school district, with specific examples and exclusions specified in the bill.

School districts must calculate the amount of local aid owed to a charter school monthly and make timely payments to the charter school as outlined in the bill. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall conduct an annual review of payments from school districts with measures for over and underpayment as outlined in the bill.

This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022 and replaces the current funding mechanism for charter schools which will no longer apply after June 30, 2022.

This bill is similar to HB 1664 (2020).