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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM

TO: State Public Charter School Authority
FROM: Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Preview of 2021 Legislative Session
DATE: November 6, 2020

Background

The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021. During the interim, SPCSA staff have worked with the Governor's Office to prepare for the upcoming session and participated in meetings of the Legislative Committee on Education.

Proposed Bill Draft Request

The State Public Charter School Authority, in accordance with procedures set up by the Governor's Office has submitted a proposed bill draft request that seeks to create coherence and alignment in existing statutes and regulations pertaining to three critical activities of charter school sponsors. The proposal includes the following:

- a) To align with the new requirements under AB 462 (2019), including the requirement to solicit input from local school districts, require the SPCSA to take action on new charter school applications within 120 days of receipt, rather than the current timeline of 60 days. (NRS 388A.255)
- b) Modify existing charter school contract termination statutes to apply to an individual school campus and/or grade levels (ex. Elementary, Middle or High) in the event that performance varies between campuses and/or grade levels. Additionally, make technical changes to ensure consistent language and structure within the termination statutes. (388A.300 and NRS 388A.330)

- c) Modify the statutes regarding charter schools rated on the Alternative Performance Framework (APF) to ensure that their status as an APF school is appropriately incorporated into oversight, including contract amendment and contract termination.

Other Potential Charter School Legislation

During the September work session of the Legislative Committee on Education, two charter school topics were discussed:

- Licensure requirements for charter school teachers
- Reporting requirements regarding the amount of funds paid to educational management organizations (EMOs)

Details regarding the work session can be found on the [Legislative Committee on Education](#) website.