



# Authorizer Options for Florida Charter Schools

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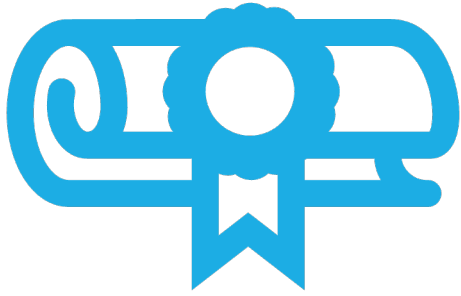
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# Introduction

FOR MOST OF THE EXISTENCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA, THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE PRIMARY OPTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, FLORIDA'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

WITHIN THE LAST FEW YEARS, TWO ADDITIONAL OPTIONS HAVE EMERGED: FLORIDA'S STATE COLLEGES AND THE FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION.

# Florida College System



PURSUANT TO SECTION 1002.33 (5) FLORIDA STATUTES, A FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM INSTITUTION MAY, UPON APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPONSOR A CHARTER SCHOOL IN ANY COUNTY WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA AND MAY OFFER POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS LEADING TO INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS TO ELIGIBLE CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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# \*New\* Charter School Review Commission



Pursuant to Sections 1002.33(5) and 1002.3301 Florida Statutes the Charter School Review Commission may solicit and review applications for charter schools overseen by district school boards.



Upon the commission approving an application, the school district in which the charter school will be located must serve as sponsor and provide a proposed charter contract within 30 days.



Within 3 days after application to the commission, the applicant must provide a copy of the application to the school district in which the proposed charter school will be located.



Within 30 days after receiving the application, the school district may provide input to the commission. The commission must consider such input.

# More on the Commission

THE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION WILL BE COMPOSED OF 7 MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THESE MEMBERS MUST HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS AND WILL SERVE 4-YEAR TERMS.

THE COMMISSION HAS THE SAME POWERS AND DUTIES AS SPONSORS IN REGARD TO REVIEWING AND APPROVING CHARTER SCHOOLS.