

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** George, Morse, Shields, Hass

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Bonamici

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/26, 5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires transfer of student education records to school district when charter is terminated or public charter school is dissolved. Applies student education record statutes to public charter schools. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Closure or new management of charter schools
- Protection of personal information
- Applicable statutes and rules

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the Department of Education (ODE), investigations of fourteen charter schools and eight school districts resulted in eight closures and five schools under new management. In an incident involving a group of dissolved charter schools, student records were discovered abandoned or for sale on eBay, necessitating ODE to purchase the documents in order to affect recovery. In addition to containing personally identifiable student information, records are required by students to receive credit toward and for graduation.

There are statutes and rules relating to school records that apply to school district boards, school districts or other public schools, which currently do not apply to public charter schools. House Bill 2029-A requires that if a charter is terminated or a public charter school is dissolved, all student education records of the public charter school shall be transferred to the administrative office of the school district in which the charter school was located. This measure adds student records to the state laws that apply to public charter schools.

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