



HB 3044: Out of District Charter School Facilities

Creating transparency and accountability for siting of out-of-district charter school facilities.

Bill Summary

Requires a charter school to obtain permission from any district that is not its sponsor before locating any facility in which students receive instruction inside the non-sponsoring district.

Policy

Currently, if a school district wishes to own, lease and/or operate a facility inside the boundaries of another school district, it must seek and gain permission from the school district in which the facility is located. The policy ensures the integrity of school districts and the assurance that they are aware of all public school activities within. However, there is a gap in the statute when it comes to charter schools which allows for a charter school to operate a facility in a school district that is not the charter school sponsor.

At their heart, charter schools are component schools of specific school districts that sponsor them, thus all charter school facilities should be located inside the school district that sponsors them unless they seek and gain express permission from a non-sponsoring school district.

HB 3044 proposes to close this loophole and require such permission to be obtained prior to operating a facility in which students receive instruction, thus aligning with standard school district facilities.