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Informal Workgroup with Virtual School Practitioners

# **Virtual Public Charter School Study Concept**

*This was created after an informal workgroup meeting with virtual public charter school practitioners. We met on: April 18th, June 21st, July 26th, and November 30th. The information below was agreed to and submitted to Legislative Council to draft HB 2720.*

## **Factors to examine:**

1. Access to resources
  - a. Inventory of state resources available for virtual public charter schools
  - b. Inventory of federal resources available for virtual public charter schools
  - c. Inventory of host district grants moneys available for virtual public charter schools
  - d. What are the inequities of resources between virtual public charter schools and traditional brick-and-mortar public schools?
2. Relationship between host district and virtual public school
  - a. Funding relationships
  - b. Inventory of reviews done on virtual public charter schools
3. Population served by each school
  - a. Demography
  - b. Credit deficiency rates (upon transfer)
  - c. Past educational experience
  - d. How are students of virtual public charter schools different from students of traditional public schools?
4. Identify “promising practices” in online learning
5. Inventory of trends of on-line learning in the nation

## **Methodology:**

- Schools should be contacted for information that the Department of Education does not have
- List of promising practices
- Focus on growth of students over graduation rates and test scores
- Avoid ranking systems

## **Notes for LC:**

- No change in the statutes, only a study
- Related clause must be specific