

S.F. No. 1386 – Modifying Charter School Authorizer Corrective Action Requirements

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Section 1. Corrective action. Paragraph (a) updates language stating that the corrective action plan for an authorizer cannot last more than 130 business days. Allows the commissioner to prohibit an authorizer that is on a corrective plan from accepting a charter school transfer application or an application to establish a charter school.

Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to notify the authorizer in writing that it has been placed on a corrective plan. Requires the notice to include any findings that may subject the authorizer to corrective action at the end of the corrective plan. Requires the commissioner to hold an informal hearing within 15 days of a request for a hearing. Requires the authorizer to make the improvements in the plan within 45 business days if they are not resolved at the informal hearing. The commissioner has 20 business days to review the changes and notify the authorizer of any remaining issues that must be fixed. The authorizer has 20 business days to address the remaining issues. After that, the commissioner has 15 business days to review the changes and notify the authorizer whether all the issues in the corrective plan have been resolved.

Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner to assist a charter school if its authorizer's ability to charter a school is terminated. Allows the charter school board of directors to submit a request to the commissioner for transfer to a new authorizer without approval of the current authorizer if that authorizer has been under a correction action plan for over 130 business days.

Paragraph (d) allows the commissioner to terminate an authorizer's ability to charter a school, terminate a contract with a charter school, or take other appropriate sanctions for failing to meet the terms of a corrective action plan by the specified deadline.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective July 1, 2021.