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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Boitano DATE TYPED: 03/06/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Charter School Incubation Services SB 705

ANALYST: Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$50.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 705 appropriates \$50.0 to SDE to contract for charter school incubation or support services.

Significant Issues

The SDE indicates that the last four years, 8-10 new charter schools have been approved. Currently, the State Board of Education has approved 35 charter schools, 27 of which are currently open and 8 of which will open in Fall 2003. Approximately 6,000 students are enrolled in the 27 open schools.

According to SDE, charter schools require technical assistance on meeting statutory requirements for charter school operation as well as fiscal and programmatic issues such as special education, bilingual services, curriculum and assessment.

If the bill is enacted, the SDE would issue a Request for Proposal for technical assistance providers to assist charter applicants and newly approved charter schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 705 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund and would be recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SDE indicates that the bill would require increased fiscal and programmatic oversight.

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