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HOUSE BILL 280

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR PRIORITY ENROLLMENT  
FOR CHILDREN OF TEACHERS AT A CHARTER SCHOOL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-8B-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2000,  
Chapter 82, Section 3) is amended to read:

"22-8B-4.1. CHARTER SCHOOLS' ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES.--

A. Start-up schools and conversion schools are  
subject to the following enrollment procedures:

(1) a start-up school may either enroll  
students on a first-come, first-served basis or through a  
lottery selection process if the total number of applicants  
exceeds the number of spaces available at the start-up school;  
provided that children of teachers at the charter school have  
priority enrollment under either selection process; and

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1                   (2) a conversion school shall give enrollment  
2 preference to students who are enrolled in the public school at  
3 the time it is converted into a charter school and to siblings  
4 of students admitted to or attending the charter school. The  
5 conversion school may either enroll all other students on a  
6 first-come, first-served basis or through a lottery selection  
7 process if the total number of applicants exceeds the number of  
8 spaces available at the conversion school.

9                   B. In subsequent years of its operation, a charter  
10 school shall give enrollment preference to:

11                               (1) children of teachers at the charter  
12 school;

13                               ~~[(1)]~~ (2) students who have been admitted to  
14 the charter school through an appropriate admission process and  
15 remain in attendance through subsequent grades; and

16                               ~~[(2)]~~ (3) siblings of students already  
17 admitted to or attending the same charter school."