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HOUSE BILL 192

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT TO REQUIRE A CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL TO GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO STUDENTS RESIDING WITHIN THE CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL'S SCHOOL DISTRICT-DESIGNATED ATTENDANCE ZONE.

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;

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1 and

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

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

12 (1) students who reside within the boundaries
13 of a conversion charter school's school district-designated
14 attendance zone;

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

18 [~~(2)~~] (3) siblings of students already
19 admitted to or attending the same charter school."