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SENATE BILL 51

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS; PROVIDING AN ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE
FOR STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE 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;
and

(2) a conversion school shall give enrollment

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

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

10 (1) students who have been admitted to the
11 charter school through an appropriate admission process and
12 remain in attendance through subsequent grades; ~~and~~

13 (2) children of employees employed by the
14 charter school; and

15 ~~(2)~~ (3) siblings of students already
16 admitted to or attending the same charter school."

17 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act
18 apply to the 2021-2022 school year and subsequent school years.

19 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2021.

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