



## Charter Schools

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**AB 1360 (Bonta)**

**Amended: 3/30/2017**

**Title:** Charter Schools: Pupil Admissions, Suspensions, and Expulsions

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

### **Summary:**

This bill would require the charter school's admission, suspension, and expulsion procedures to comply with specified minimum procedural requirements, including that the procedures comply with federal and state constitutional due process requirements. The bill would require a charter school's expulsion procedures to ensure that a pupil is entitled to a formal hearing and would authorize a pupil to appeal the expulsion to the county board of education.

The bill also would authorize a charter school to encourage parental involvement, but would require the charter school to notify the parents and guardians of applicant pupils and currently enrolled pupils that parental involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, the charter school.

The bill would also authorize a charter school to have preferential enrollment if: each type of preference is approved by the school at a public hearing; the preferences are consistent with federal law; if they do not require mandatory parental volunteer hours; and if it does not result in limiting enrollment access for pupils with disabilities, academically low-achieving pupils, English learners, neglected or delinquent pupils, homeless pupils, or pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as determined by eligibility for any free or reduced-price meal program.

**SSC Comment:** Assembly Bill (AB) 1360 is cosponsored by several labor organizations: the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, Public Advocates, Public Counsel, and the ACLU. It is opposed by the California Charter Schools Association and the Charter Schools Development Center.

The District's legislative platform states: "We believe that California must take a careful and comprehensive look at charter school policies relating to the broad spectrum of authorization and renewal, governance, accountability, facilities, funding, and student service practices in an effort to retain charter innovations that benefit students while setting expectations regarding transparency and accountability required of all public school agencies."

We would recommend the Board have further discussion regarding a position on AB 1360 and whether the bill's provisions align with the Board's views on charter school student service practices, transparency, and governance.