

2023-2024 #264 - Final

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 18 to article IX, as follows:

**Section 18. Charter school institute.**

(1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

(2) A CHARTER SCHOOL, OR PROPOSED SCHOOL, MAY APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTE FOR APPROVAL.

(3) APPOINTMENTS TO THE INSTITUTE BOARD MUST BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: ONE MEMBER EACH SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE; A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AN EXECUTIVE FROM A NONPROFIT THAT ADVOCATES FOR SCHOOL CHOICE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE OR A SUCCESSOR ENTITY SHALL BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD; AND TWO MEMBERS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE AS A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHO IS, OR HAS BEEN, ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD.

(4) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE INSTITUTE BOARD MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN A LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: EXPERIENCE AS A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR FOUNDER OF A CHARTER SCHOOL; EXPERIENCE AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS; FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE; DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF CHARTER SCHOOL LAW; EXPERIENCE AS A CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHER; SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPERTISE.

**SECTION 2. Effective Date.** The initiative takes effect if it is approved by the people at the next general election and becomes law, and, in such case, this takes effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.