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HOUSE BILL *1132*

AN ACT relative to applications for a charter conversion school.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Shaw, Hills. 16; Rep. Boehm, Hills. 20; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. Hill, Merr. 3; Rep. Weyler, Rock. 13; Rep. Umberger, Carr. 2; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes certain vote requirements for conversion of a public school to a chartered public school and adds the requirement for a two-thirds majority vote of the school district at a regular annual meeting.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics.* Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

256:1 Chartered Public Schools; Public School Vote for Charter Conversion. Amend RSA 194-B:3,
 VI to read as follows:

3 VI.(a) Any existing public school may by a vote of the school board *and a 2/3 majority vote taken*

4 by the school district at a regular annual meeting pursuant to RSA 195, RSA 197, or the governing

5 charter, called for the purpose and provided that an article is inserted in the warrant for said meeting to

- 6 become a charter conversion school[, provided that, in addition to all other requirements of this chapter for
- 7 establishment of a chartered public school:
- 8 (1) A majority of its prospective teachers vote by ballot to approve such conversion in a
 9 district with more than one school, or 2/3 of the teachers so vote in a single school district.
 - (2) The school superintendent and principal both provide their approval in writing].
- (b) All pupils attending a school which successfully converts to charter status shall be eligiblefor admission to such chartered public school.
- 13 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a school district's obligation to provide
- 14 special education services to all qualifying students residing in the district consistent with the
- 15 requirements of state and federal law.

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256:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 24, 2022 Effective Date: August 23, 2022