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HOUSE BILL ***1449***

AN ACT relative to the requirements for filing a charter school application.

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Straf 11; Rep. Burke, Straf 2

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the educational mission requirement of a chartered public school application.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Chartered Public Schools; Application. Amend RSA 194-B:3, II(a) to read as follows:

2 (a) Educational mission *statement, which provides the foundation for all other*
3 *elements in the application and which shall include details of the specific purpose and*
4 *goals of the school. The educational mission statement shall count for not less than 50*
5 *percent in the criteria for evaluating a chartered public school application. The mission*
6 *statement shall make a clear and documented case that the proposed school will serve a*
7 *student population in a geographic area where chartered public schools are not present or*
8 *reasonably accessible, or will meet a need not currently being met in the school district in*
9 *which it will be located by broadening learning opportunities for an underserved student*
10 *population, offering an alternative curriculum, employing an alternative and innovative*
11 *methodology, or some combination of the same. The application shall demonstrate that the*
12 *school's academic program will vary from those of the other schools in the district serving*
13 *the same grade levels as follows:*

14 (1) *If innovation is cited in the educational mission statement as a*
15 *justification for applying for a charter, there shall be a clear and specific description of*
16 *the innovations to be used and evidence that such innovations do not duplicate those*
17 *already in use in the other public schools in the district.*

18 (2) *If specialization in a certain disciplinary area, such as science,*
19 *technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects, or the arts, is cited in the educational*
20 *mission statement as a justification for applying for a charter, there shall be a clear and*
21 *specific description of the academic program for each area of specialization and evidence*
22 *that the program will differ from those in the other public schools in the district.*

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.