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Bill Topic: LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY OVER CHARTER SCHOOLS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** This bill eliminates the second appeal to the State Board of Education should a local board deny a charter application.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, if a local school board denies an application for a charter school or revokes or refuses to renew an existing charter, the charter applicant can appeal the decision to the State Board of Education. The state board may then choose to remand the decision to the local school board for reconsideration. If the local school board confirms its prior decision to deny the application, the charter applicant can appeal once again to the state board. On second appeal, the state board may order the local school board to approve the charter application. This bill removes the second appeal to the state board for denial of a charter application.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill does not change the number of first appeals considered by the state board. The number of second appeals is typically low and the board does not require additional meetings in the course of regular practice in order to consider these appeals. Eliminating the ability for a second appeal is not anticipated to change the workload of the Colorado Department of Education or of the State Board of Education. The bill will not change the workload, expenditures, or revenue of any other state agency, local government, or school district and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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