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**SENATE BILL 10-161**

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**House Committees**  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO**  
102 **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill authorizes a charter school to contract with a board of cooperative services or another charter school for buildings and services. The bill authorizes a board of cooperative services to contract with a district charter school or an institute charter school to provide services and buildings.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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The bill authorizes charter schools to form charter school collaboratives to perform any function appropriately performed by a charter school, including applying for state or federal grants. If the charter school collaborative was formed with the consent of the authorizers of the member charter schools, the collaborative may serve as a local education agency or administrative unit.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-30.5-104 (7) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority.**

5 (7) (b) A charter school may negotiate and contract with a school district,  
6 the governing body of a state college or university, the state of Colorado,  
7 a school food authority, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, ANOTHER  
8 DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, or any third  
9 party for the use of a school building and grounds, the operation and  
10 maintenance thereof, and the provision of any service, activity, or  
11 undertaking that the charter school is required or chooses to perform in  
12 order to carry out the educational program described in its charter  
13 contract. Any services for which a charter school contracts with a school  
14 district shall be provided by the district at cost. The charter school shall  
15 have standing to sue and be sued in its own name for the enforcement of  
16 any contract created pursuant to this paragraph (b).

17 **SECTION 2.** 22-30.5-507 (8) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read:

19 **22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements -**

20 **authority.** (8) (b) An institute charter school may negotiate and contract  
21 with a school district, the governing body of a state college or university,  
22 a school food authority, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, ANOTHER

1 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, or any third  
2 party for the use of a school building and grounds, the operation and  
3 maintenance thereof, and the provision of any service, activity, or  
4 undertaking that the institute charter school is required to perform in  
5 order to carry out the educational program described in its charter  
6 contract. The institute charter school shall have standing to sue and be  
7 sued in its own name for the enforcement of any contract created pursuant  
8 to this paragraph (b).

9 **SECTION 3.** 22-5-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
10 BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to  
11 read:

12 **22-5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
13 otherwise requires:

14 (2.3) "DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL  
15 AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO  
16 PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

17 (2.7) "INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL  
18 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO  
19 PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

20 **SECTION 4.** 22-5-108 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

22 **22-5-108. Powers of board of cooperative services.** (1) In  
23 addition to any other powers granted by law, the board of cooperative  
24 services shall have the following specific powers, to be exercised in its  
25 judgment:

26 (i) TO CONTRACT WITH A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL OR AN  
27 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-30.5-104 (7) (b)

1 OR 22-30.5-507 (8) (b), RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE USE OF A SCHOOL  
2 BUILDING AND GROUNDS, THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
3 BUILDING AND GROUNDS, AND THE PROVISION OF ANY SERVICE, ACTIVITY,  
4 OR UNDERTAKING THAT THE DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE  
5 CHARTER SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM TO CARRY OUT THE  
6 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN ITS CHARTER CONTRACT.

7 **SECTION 5.** 22-30.5-503, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

9 **22-30.5-503. State charter school institute - establishment.**

10 (3.5) (a) THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE MAY ACT AS THE LOCAL  
11 EDUCATION AGENCY AND FISCAL AGENT FOR A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL  
12 OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT CHOOSES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT  
13 THROUGH A NONFORMULAIC, COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED BY  
14 FEDERAL STATUTE; EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION  
15 (3.5) SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN APPLICATION FOR:

16 (I) A GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN THE FEDERAL "INDIVIDUAL  
17 WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1400 ET SEQ., AS  
18 AMENDED, OR IN ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS; OR

19 (II) A GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN THE FEDERAL "ELEMENTARY  
20 AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 6301 ET SEQ.,  
21 AS AMENDED, OR IN ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.

22 (b) IN ACTING AS A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND FISCAL AGENT  
23 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3.5), THE INSTITUTE SHALL TREAT  
24 DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS EQUALLY.

25 (c) THE INSTITUTE BOARD, BY RULE, MAY ESTABLISH A FEE THAT  
26 A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL  
27 PAY IF IT REQUESTS THE THAT INSTITUTE ACT AS THE LOCAL EDUCATION

1 AGENCY AND FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO THIS  
2 SUBSECTION (3.5). THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE  
3 DIRECT COSTS INCURRED BY THE INSTITUTE IN IMPLEMENTING THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3.5). ANY AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE  
5 INSTITUTE FROM FEES PAID PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3.5) IS  
6 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE INSTITUTE FOR THE COSTS  
7 INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBSECTION (3.5). THE INSTITUTE  
8 BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
9 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3.5).

10 **SECTION 6.** 22-30.5-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

12 **22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority.**

13 (11) IF A CHARTER SCHOOL CHOOSES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH A  
14 NONFORMULAIC, COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED BY FEDERAL  
15 STATUTE, THE CHARTER SCHOOL, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
16 SECTION 22-30.5-503 (3.5), MAY REQUEST THAT THE STATE CHARTER  
17 SCHOOL INSTITUTE ACT AS A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND FISCAL  
18 AGENT FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF THE GRANT. THE  
19 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PAY THE FEE, IF ANY, IMPOSED BY THE STATE  
20 CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-30.5-503  
21 (3.5).

22 **SECTION 7.** Article 30.5 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
23 is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

24 PART 6

25 CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVES

26 **22-30.5-601. Short title.** THIS PART 6 SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY  
27 BE CITED AS THE "CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE ACT".

1           **22-30.5-602. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 6, UNLESS THE  
2 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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4           (1) "AUTHORIZER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF  
5 EDUCATION THAT AUTHORIZES A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT  
6 TO PART 1 OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE  
7 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-30.5-505.

8           (2) "CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL  
9 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF THIS ARTICLE OR AN INSTITUTE  
10 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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12           **22-30.5-603. Charter school collaborative - creation - public**  
13 **status - structure.** (1) ██████████ TWO OR MORE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY  
14 CONTRACT WITH ONE ANOTHER TO FORM A CHARTER SCHOOL  
15 COLLABORATIVE THAT IS A LEGAL ENTITY SEPARATE FROM THE  
16 CONTRACTING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ANY  
17 FUNCTION, SERVICE, OR FACILITY THAT IS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED FOR  
18 EACH OF THE CONTRACTING CHARTER SCHOOLS. A CHARTER SCHOOL  
19 NEED NOT OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF ITS AUTHORIZER TO CREATE OR  
20 PARTICIPATE IN A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE. ██████████ ██████████

21           (2) A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE CREATED PURSUANT TO  
22 THIS SECTION SHALL BE A PUBLIC ENTITY THAT EXISTS SEPARATELY FROM  
23 THE INDIVIDUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
24 COLLABORATIVE. THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE SHALL HOLD  
25 AND MAY EXERCISE THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS,  
26 LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES OF A PUBLIC ENTITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
27 LIMITED TO THE POWER TO CONTRACT, TO SUE OR BE SUED, AND TO HOLD

1 TITLE TO PROPERTY; EXCEPT THAT A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE  
2 MAY HOLD TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE  
3 PARTICIPATING CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE CHARTER SCHOOL  
4 COLLABORATIVE SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DEBTS,  
5 LIABILITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS, AND SAID DEBTS, LIABILITIES, OR  
6 OBLIGATIONS SHALL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING  
7 CHARTER SCHOOLS OR THEIR AUTHORIZERS.

8 (3) A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE CREATED PURSUANT TO  
9 THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED A LOCAL PUBLIC BODY FOR PURPOSES OF  
10 THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-6-402, C.R.S. EXCEPT  
11 AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION, A CHARTER  
12 SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL STATE STATUTES  
13 REGULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS AS PUBLIC ENTITIES AS IF THE CHARTER  
14 SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE WERE AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
15 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

16 (4) (a) A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE, AS A SEPARATE  
17 LEGAL ENTITY, SHALL EXERCISE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OR DIRECTION  
18 IN PROVIDING OR OPERATING SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS, SERVICES, OR  
19 FACILITIES FOR THE PARTICIPATING CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE CONTRACT  
20 CREATING A CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE SHALL SET FORTH FULLY  
21 THE PURPOSES, POWERS, RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES,  
22 FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE, OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE  
23 AND OF THE CONTRACTING CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE PARTICIPATING  
24 CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL DELEGATE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL  
25 COLLABORATIVE THE POWERS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE CHARTER  
26 SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE TO PROVIDE OR OPERATE THE FUNCTIONS,  
27 SERVICES, OR FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT.

1           (b) IN ADDITION TO ANY DUTY REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED BY  
2           LAW OR BY THE CONTRACT CREATING A CHARTER SCHOOL  
3           COLLABORATIVE, THE COLLABORATIVE SHALL HAVE AND PERFORM THE  
4           FOLLOWING DUTIES:

5           (I) TO ACT CONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE;

6           (II) TO ABIDE BY THE CONTRACT THAT CREATES AND ORGANIZES  
7           THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE; AND

8           (III) TO ACT CONSISTENTLY WITH THE CHARTER CONTRACT AND  
9           MISSION OF EACH CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE CHARTER  
10          SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE.

11          (5) A CONTRACT TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER SCHOOL  
12          COLLABORATIVE SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, SPECIFY:

13          (a) THE NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL  
14          COLLABORATIVE AND THE FUNCTIONS, SERVICES, OR FACILITIES THAT THE  
15          CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE SHALL PROVIDE OR OPERATE;

16          (b) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF A BOARD OF  
17          DIRECTORS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE, INCLUDING BUT  
18          NOT LIMITED TO:

19          (I) THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS, THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT,  
20          THE TERMS OF OFFICE, THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, IF ANY, AND THE  
21          PROCEDURES FOR FILLING VACANCIES;

22          (II) THE OFFICERS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE, THE  
23          MANNER OF THEIR SELECTION, AND THEIR DUTIES;

24          (III) THE VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF  
25          DIRECTORS; EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE IN  
26          THE CONTRACT, A MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM  
27          AND A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM SHALL BE NECESSARY TO AUTHORIZE ANY



1 ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

2 (c) PROVISIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION, DIVISION, OR DISTRIBUTION  
3 OF ANY PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE,  
4 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE  
5 CHARTER COLLABORATIVE OF THE EQUITY IN ANY REAL PROPERTY THAT  
6 THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE MAY HOLD;

7 (d) THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, WHICH MAY BE CONTINUED FOR  
8 A DEFINITE TERM OR UNTIL RESCINDED OR TERMINATED, AND THE  
9 METHOD, IF ANY, BY WHICH IT MAY BE RESCINDED OR TERMINATED;  
10 EXCEPT THAT THE CONTRACT MAY NOT BE RESCINDED OR TERMINATED SO  
11 LONG AS THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE HAS OBLIGATIONS  
12 OUTSTANDING, UNLESS PROVISIONS FOR FULL PAYMENT OF THE  
13 OBLIGATIONS, BY ESCROW OR OTHERWISE, ARE MADE PURSUANT TO THE  
14 TERMS OF THE OBLIGATIONS; AND

15 (e) THE TERMS, IF ANY, UNDER WHICH A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT  
16 IS NOT INITIALLY A PARTICIPANT IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL  
17 COLLABORATIVE MAY JOIN THE COLLABORATIVE AND UNDER WHICH A  
18 CHARTER SCHOOL PARTICIPANT MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE CHARTER  
19 SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE. \_\_\_

20 **22-30.5-604. Charter school collaborative - nonexclusive.**

21 NOTHING IN THIS PART 6 SHALL PROHIBIT A CHARTER SCHOOL FROM  
22 PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER IN AN ORGANIZATION FORMED FOR THE  
23 PURPOSE OF MUTUAL SUPPORT, CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES,  
24 PARTICIPATING IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS OTHERWISE  
25 AUTHORIZED BY LAW, OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY OTHER FORM OF  
26 ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND APPROPRIATE TO COLORADO  
27 PUBLIC OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

1           **22-30.5-605. Administration fee.** THE STATE BOARD OF  
2 EDUCATION, BY RULE, MAY ESTABLISH A FEE TO BE PAID BY EACH  
3 CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE TO OFFSET ANY DIRECT COSTS THAT  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY INCUR IN COLLECTING DATA FROM  
5 OR REGULATING THE CHARTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE. THE AMOUNT OF  
6 THE FEE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SAID DIRECT COSTS. ANY  
7 AMOUNT IN FEES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
9 DEPARTMENT FOR SAID DIRECT COSTS.

10           **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
13 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
19 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.