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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional Summary HB 93; (Work Order No. 28-LS0354\U)

TO: Representative Lynn Gattis
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FROM: Jean M. Mischel
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Provides for the approval of an "authorizer," as described in sec. 2, to establish a charter school.

Section 2. Requires the Department of Education and Early Development to establish a procedure for approval of authorizers of charter schools. Provides that authorizers may be a governmental entity, a private nonprofit entity, or a postsecondary institution and describes the duties of an authorizer to include approval, monitoring, and other operational duties for a charter school.

Section 3. Replaces the authorizer for the local school board as contractor with the charter school as described in sec. 5.

Section 4. Requires an authorizer of a charter school to maintain financial records and oversee operation of the charter school, among other things.

Section 5. Describes the terms required of a contract between an authorizer and a charter school.

Section 6. Requires the Department of Education and Early Development to provide a charter school with an annual budget and modifies the disbursement of state and local aid through the local school district without costs retained by the district.

Section 7. Limits the applicability of a negotiated or collective bargaining agreement with a school district.

Section 8. Authorizes a charter school to hire teachers and other employees outside of a negotiated or collective bargaining agreement.

Section 9. Provides for the applicability of the bill to charter school applications for approval or renewal submitted on or after the effective date.

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