

On July 9, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 130.

This bill authorizes the extension of existing charter renewals by two years. Thus, SOUL's current charter, which was originally up for renewal by or before June 30, 2023 will be extended to June 30, 2025.

(28) The Charter Schools Act of 1992 authorizes the establishment and operation of charter schools. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the State Board of Education to approve a petition for the establishment of a charter school, as specified. Existing law authorizes a chartering authority to renew the approval of a charter school petition under specified procedures. Existing law authorizes a charter to be granted by a chartering authority under designated provisions for a period not to exceed 5 years.

This bill, notwithstanding the renewal process and criteria effective July 1, 2021, would require all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, inclusive, to have their term extended by two years. The bill would revise criteria in provisions that require or prohibit the renewal of a charter school if the 2 consecutive years immediately preceding the renewal decision include the 2019–20 or 2020–21 school year.

Existing law prohibits, from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2022, inclusive, the approval of a petition for the establishment of a new charter school offering Non-classroom-based instruction and funded as specified.

This bill would extend that prohibition by 3 years until January 1, 2025.