

Mandate Summary

Education Code Sections 47605 and 47607 Chapter 781, Statutes of 1992 *Charter Schools*

Eligible Claimants

School districts and county offices of education.

Basis For Mandate

On July 21, 1994, the Commission on State Mandates determined that Education Code sections 47605 and 47607, as added by Chapter 781, Statutes of 1992, constitute a reimbursable state mandate.

Education Code sections 47605 and 47607, as added by Chapter 781, Statutes of 1992, established a process for individuals to petition local school district governing boards to establish charter schools which would be exempt from state laws governing school district programs, except for those encompassed in the charter. Various requirements of the Charter Schools Act of 1992 establish specific responsibilities for school district and county office of education governing boards.

The activities that are reimbursable under Education Code sections 47605 and 47607, as added by Chapter 781, Statutes of 1992, are as follows:

1. For school districts which have received an original charter school petition and county offices of education which have received a petition subsequent to its denial upon reconsideration by the school district to: respond to requests for information from the public; conduct a public hearing to consider the level of community support for the petition; review and evaluate the petition for its compliance with the conditions stated in the Charter Schools Act; grant or deny the petition within sixty days of receiving the petition, subject to one thirty-day continuance by agreement of the parties; monitor the charter school performance to determine if it has achieved its goals and objectives; upon cause, hear and decide upon a revocation of the charter; and evaluate and decide upon requests for revision or renewal of charters.
2. For county offices of education which have received an appeal of a charter school denied by a school district to: select and convene a review panel of three governing board members and three teachers from other school districts to determine if the school board governing board acted properly in denying the petition, and if necessary, request the

- school district governing board to reconsider the charter petition.
3. For school districts which have denied an original charter school petition to respond to the inquiry of the panel review convened by the county superintendent and reconsider the charter petition if so requested.
 4. For other school districts to provide personnel to take part in the review panel convened by the county superintendent of schools.

Statewide Cost Estimate

The Commission adopted a statewide cost estimate of \$1,713,000 for the period from January 1, 1993 to June 30, 1993, and fiscal years 1993-94 through 1995-96.

The following is a fiscal year breakdown of the statewide costs:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/1/93 to 6/30/93	\$ 804,000
1993-94	303,000
1994-95	303,000
<u>1995-96</u>	<u>303,000</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$1,713,000 (R)</u>