

# Legislation



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CHARTER SCHOOLS

## HB22-1294

### [HB22-1294: Special Education Services In Charter Schools](#)

- Sponsored by: Rep. Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D), Rep. Mary Young (D), Sen. Rachel Zenzinger (D), Sen. Bob Gardner (R)
- The bill takes effect on August 9, 2022

**Description:** Concerning additional pathways to provide special education services to children with disabilities in charter schools.

#### **Overview:**

This new law makes changes to state law related to special education services in charter schools. With approval from the school's authorizer, the law permits a charter school to develop and administer an enrollment preference plan for children with disabilities.

#### *Charter school networks and collaboratives*

This law also allows the State Board of Education (SBE) to enable charter schools to form collaboratives for the purpose of enhanced special education service provision. It also permits charter school networks or collaboratives to pursue administrative unit status for special education purposes.

#### *CSI options*

This law permits district charter schools to join the Colorado Charter School Institute's (CSI) administrative unit solely for special education purposes.

#### **School Impact:**

This proposed legislation would help Colorado charter schools better serve students with special needs while at the same time helping to ensure that more students with special needs have access to the high-quality public school options they deserve.

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