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HOUSE BILL ***1646***

AN ACT relative to chartered public schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luneau, Merr. 9

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the eligibility requirements for chartered public schools.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Chartered Public Schools; Definitions. Amend RSA 194-B:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. "Chartered public school" means an open enrollment public school, operated independent of any school board and managed by a board of trustees. A chartered public school ***is a private corporation, incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire, and*** shall operate as a nonprofit secular organization ***and 501(c)3 corporation*** under a charter granted by the state board and in conformance with this chapter.

2 Chartered Public Schools; Establishment. RSA 194-B:3, III(a) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) Chartered public schools authorized pursuant to this chapter shall meet the following criteria:

(1) Are not affiliated with or espouse any specific religious denomination, organization, sect, or belief and do not promote or engage in any religious practices in their educational program, admissions, employment policies, or operations;

(2) Are not affiliated with any organization or group in violation of state of federal anti-discrimination laws.

3 Chartered Public Schools; Eligibility. Amend RSA 194-B:3, V(a) to read as follows:

(a) A nonprofit ***secular*** organization including, but not limited to, a college, university, museum, service club, or similar entity.

4 Chartered Public School Approved by State Board of Education. Amend RSA 194-B:3-a, V(a)(2) to read as follows:

(2) RSA 194-B:3, III***(b)***-IV.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.