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**TRIBAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES;
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

House Bill 5179

Sponsor: Rep. Clarence E. Phillips

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5179 AS INTRODUCED 10-10-01

House Bill 5179 would amend the Revised School Code to change the definition of “community college” that is used to authorize public school academies and strict discipline academies.

Under the law, a public school academy (more customarily called a charter school) must be authorized by any one of four contracting boards: the board of a school district that operates grades K to 12; an intermediate school board; the board of a community college, or the governing board of a state public university. Currently, the term “community college” is defined to mean a community college organized under the Community College Act of 1966, or a federal tribally controlled community college that is recognized under the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 and is determined by the department to meet the requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional accreditation body.

House Bill 5179 would eliminate that portion of the definition for community college that reads: “a federal tribally controlled community college that is recognized under the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 and is determined by the department to meet the requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional accreditation body.” The bill also would eliminate similar language in the definition of community college that is used in the section of the Revised School Code that enables creation of a “strict discipline academy.”

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