

2021 Annual Report to the House and Senate Education Committees

Findings of the Review

Each year, the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) hosts regional board meetings around the state to facilitate greater interaction with and engagement of its charter school boards. During these regional meetings, and pursuant to C.R.S 22-30.5-513(10)(a), CSI reports on its annual appropriations, costs incurred, and services. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CSI hosted a virtual Finance Committee Meeting on November 9, 2021 in lieu of the regional, inperson meetings.

CSI school leaders and school board members were invited to attend the virtual Finance Committee Meeting. CSI staff disseminated and discussed the CSI budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This included a review of appropriations, expenditures, and services provided by CSI. Opportunity was provided for attendees to provide feedback to the CSI Board of Directors.

Legislative Recommendation

Pursuant to C.R.S 22-30.5-513(10)(b), CSI can make recommendations for legislative changes regarding its operations. CSI recommends that consideration should be given to ways in which charter schools receive access to mill levy override funds. Further consideration should be given to ways in which CSI charter schools, which have no access to local tax revenue, can access similar funding.