



# Implementing AB 400 Charter School Authorizer Technical Assistance

State Board of Education  
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# Background

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- Legislation passed by Governor Lombardo during the 2023 Legislative Session expanded NRS 388A to include cities and counties as eligible authorizers of charter schools.
- Existing law (NRS 388A.220) requires any eligible authorizer (such as a college or university within NSHE) to submit an application to the Nevada Department of Education, with current Department regulations outlining the core elements of the application.
- Existing law (NRS 388A.230) requires the Nevada Department of Education to conduct a review of current authorizers in the State.
- In 2020, Opportunity 180 was approved by the US Department of Education to serve as the Nevada State Administrator for the State Entity Charter School Program Grant (CSP). This program is designed to lead the launch and expansion of high-quality public charter schools, as well as expand and maintain quality charter school authorizing practices across the state.



# Process & Implementation

- Using the designated Technical Assistance funds provided through the CSP grant, Opportunity 180 will work with the State Board of Education and the Nevada Department of Education to provide technical assistance to develop a/an:
  - Charter school authorizer review protocol
  - Eligible sponsor application
  - Application review process
- The Technical Assistance will comprise Opportunity 180 soliciting and funding a third-party subject matter expert through an RFP process. Organizations will have demonstrated effectiveness and experience in supporting and evaluating state charter school authorizer practices and establishing standards and protocols for launching new authorizers.
- Services to be performed:
  - Design criteria for and execute State Authorizer Quality Review of state charter school authorizers to evaluate charter school authorizing practices and provide clear support on strengthening authorizer practices in evaluating school models, including developing capacity for, and conducting, fiscal oversight and auditing of charter schools.
  - In partnership with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (and/or her designee[s]), design, develop, and codify an application process to solicit and evaluate eligible charter school sponsors in Nevada.



# Timeline

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	Proposed Timeline	Accelerated Timeline
RFP released	8/11/23	8/1/23
RFP submission and review period	8/14 – 9/15/23	9/1/23
Partner selection announced	9/29/23	9/15/23
Authorizer review process implemented; application and process design and development engagement (State Board & Nevada Department of Education)	10/2 – 12/22/23	11/17/23
Authorizer review report discussion at State Board of Education meeting; authorizer application and process approved by State Board	January 2024 Board Meeting	December 2023 Board Meeting
Application from proposed authorizers due	March 29, 2024	March 1, 2023