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# H. R. 6210

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen accountability of authorized public chartering agencies and reduce charter school authorizing misconduct.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LAWRENCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Raising Accountability  
5 to Improve School Excellence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZING.**

7 Section 4303 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (f)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in subparagraph (A)(xii)—

4 (I) by striking “and” at the end  
5 of subclause (I); and

6 (II) by inserting at the end the  
7 following:

8 “(III) In the case of any State  
9 entity, a description of how the State  
10 entity will ensure that the State’s sys-  
11 tem of technical assistance and over-  
12 sight, as described in subclause (I),  
13 will provide oversight of authorizing  
14 activity for each authorized public  
15 chartering agency that is an institu-  
16 tion of higher education;”;

17 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

18 (I) by redesignating subclauses  
19 (III) through (VI) as subclauses (IV)  
20 through (VII), respectively; and

21 (II) by inserting after subclause  
22 (II), the following:

23 “(II) a description of how the eli-  
24 gible applicant will, prior to entering  
25 into a contract with an authorized

1 public chartering agency, review the  
2 agency’s previous authorizing activity,  
3 including the number of approvals, re-  
4 newals, and revocations of charter  
5 schools with which the agency has  
6 been involved;”;

7 (B) in paragraph (2)(E)—

8 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
9 clause (ii); and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(iv) ensuring that the authorized  
13 public chartering agency carries out au-  
14 thorizing activity in a manner that ensures  
15 high-quality student learning, as deter-  
16 mined according to annual performance  
17 data described in clause (i); and

18 “(v) in the case of the poor perform-  
19 ance of the schools authorized by an au-  
20 thorized public chartering agency with re-  
21 spect to the assessments, reviews, or re-  
22 quirements under clauses (i) through (iv),  
23 provisionally revoking the authorized public  
24 chartering agency’s ability to approve char-  
25 ter schools, including a plan to revoke au-

1           thorizing authority to do so, in the case of  
2           continued poor performance;” and

3           (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

4           (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
5           paragraph (D)(iii);

6           (B) by striking the period at the end of  
7           subparagraph (E); and

8           (C) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(G) the number of times the State entity  
10          applied under subsection (f) to receive a grant  
11          under this section and did not receive such  
12          grant.”.

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