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MAJOR POLICY – Immediate Action (2/3rd Vote Required)

NONE

MAJOR POLICY – Second Reading

A. Page 336, First 2 paragraphs under the following heading:
Charter Schools

CTA believes charter schools can have a positive role in California's education system. When not for profit charter schools are created by local, democratically elected school boards, they provide ~~by providing~~ students, parents and CTA members with educational opportunities in the public school setting.

CTA believes all charter school employees should be organized as union members to ensure both quality education for students and professional/employment rights for school employees. CTA believes procedures undertaken to organize and represent charter school employees should ensure harmonious relations among CTA members in charter schools and CTA chapters while providing equitable governance representation and service to CTA members working in charter schools.

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

A. NBI 6/13-12

"That CTA Negotiations Committee report on dependent charter schools.

Since dependent charter is not referenced in charter school law, there is a need o (sic) clarify and define the concept."

The committee moves to disapprove this NBI. The NBI is vague and we are unclear what the maker wants reported. We are unable to contact the maker as he has left council, however, we draw council's attention to what we perceive the makers intent via informational item #1 contained in this report.

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. NBI 6/13-19

That CTA submit a referendum to active members that "CTA believes competition between public and charter schools is destructive to public education and separate sources of funding should be provided. CTA believes the full cost of administering charter schools; assessing, approving, revoking and oversight, must be paid from separate school funding."

The committee refers NBI 6/13-19 to the Board of Directors for referral to the Financing Public Education Committee. This NBI seeks to provide separate funding for charter schools and as such could alter the function of Prop 98. This NBI is most appropriately placed in FPE.

MATTERS PENDING

1. The following NBI's are pending:
   NBI 6/13-6
   That CTA take a stance advocating for a cap on district and COE reserves, not to exceed 15-20%.

   NBI 6/13-7
   That CTA work to pass legislation to amend 17388 of the California Education Code. This NBI seeks to mandate school board appointed advisory committees governing the use or disposition of school buildings.

   NBI 6/13-18
   That CTA lobby the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to call for State performance audits of charter schools by the politically neutral California State Auditor
   This NBI seeks to ensure that charter schools are subject to financial audits.

   NBI 10/13-2
   That CTA sponsor legislation that would amend California Education Code section 45028 to mandate that public school districts will honor all years of experience certificated teachers have earned in teaching in California public schools subject to collective bargaining with the local exclusive bargaining representative.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The committee draws council's attention to the information contained in NBI 6/13-12. Currently the term "dependent charter" is used to refer to a charter school that is under the direct control of a local school district as opposed to a charter school that is controlled by an independent unelected board and a charter management operator. A charter school that is under the control of a local school district can be transferred to a charter management operator by a majority vote of the local school board at a single school board meeting.

2. The committee reviewed a video explaining the Affordable Care Act. The video may be viewed by interested members at: **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZkk6ueZt-U**