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Changes

- ▶ Nevada's score increased from 165 points to 168 points.
- ▶ Its score increased because of policy changes for Component #21 (Full-Time Virtual Charter School Provisions) and decreased because of policy changes for Component #2 (A Variety of Public Charter Schools Allowed).
- ▶ Its ranking moved from No. 10 (out of 44) to No. 11 (out of 45).

Recommendations

- ▶ Nevada's law does not have a cap on public charter school growth, allows multiple authorizing entities, and provides a fair amount of autonomy and accountability. Still, the law provides inequitable funding to charter schools.
- ▶ Potential areas for improvement include ensuring equitable operational funding and equitable access to capital funding and facilities and continuing to strengthen accountability for full-time virtual charter schools.

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RANK (OUT OF 45)

168

TOTAL POINTS (OUT OF 240)

1997YEAR PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL LAW
WAS ENACTED**45**NUMBER OF PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOLS IN
2017-2018**46,000**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
STUDENTS IN 2017-18

ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF STRONG PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW		RATING	WEIGHT	TOTAL
1	No Caps The state law does not place any caps on charter school growth.	4	3	12
2	A Variety of Charter Schools Allowed The state allows new start-ups but not public school conversions.	3	2	6
3	Non-district Authorizers Available The state allows two or more authorizing options in all situations, with direct access to each option. There is some authorizing activity in at least two of those options.	4	3	12
4	Authorizer and Overall Program Accountability System Required The state law includes all of the elements of the model law's authorizer and overall program accountability system.	4	3	12
5	Adequate Authorizer Funding The state law includes all of the model law's provisions for adequate authorizer funding.	4	2	8
6	Transparent Charter Application, Review, and Decisionmaking Processes The state law includes many of the model law's provisions for transparent charter application, review, and decision-making processes.	3	4	12
7	Performance-based Charter Contracts Required The state law includes many of the model law's provisions for performance-based charter contracts.	3	4	12
8	Comprehensive Charter School Monitoring and Data Collection Processes The state law includes many of the model law's provisions for comprehensive charter school monitoring and data collection processes.	3	4	12
9	Clear Processes for Renewal, Nonrenewal, and Revocation Decisions The state law includes many of the model law's clear processes for renewal, nonrenewal, and revocation decisions.	3	4	12
10	Transparency Regarding Educational Service Providers The state law includes some of the model law's provisions for educational service providers.	2	2	4
11	Fiscally and Legally Autonomous Schools with Independent Charter School Boards The state law includes all of the model law's provisions for fiscally and legally autonomous schools with independent charter school boards.	4	3	12
12	Clear Student Enrollment and Lottery Procedures The state law includes many of the model law's requirements for student enrollment and lottery procedures.	3	2	6
13	Automatic Exemptions from Many State and District Laws and Regulations The state law allows a charter school to submit a written request to the state superintendent of public instruction for a waiver from providing the days of instruction required by state law and requires some of a school's teachers to be certified.	2	3	6
14	Automatic Collective Bargaining Exemption The state law does not require any charter schools to be part of existing collective bargaining agreements.	4	3	12
15	Multischool Charter Contracts and/or Multicharter Contract Boards Allowed The state law explicitly allows both of these arrangements and requires each school to be independently accountable for fiscal and academic performance.	4	2	8
16	Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities Eligibility and Access The state law provides charter student access to extracurricular activities at noncharter public schools.	3	1	3
17	Clear Identification of Special Education Responsibilities The state law includes a small number of the model law's requirements for special education responsibilities.	1	2	2
18	Equitable Operational Funding and Equal Access to All State and Federal Categorical Funding The state law includes some of the model law's provisions for equitable operational funding and equal access to all state and federal categorical funding, and there is no evidence of the amount of funds charter students versus district students receive.	1	4	4
19	Equitable Access to Capital Funding and Facilities The state law includes a small number of the model law's provisions for equitable access to capital funding and facilities.	1	4	4
20	Access to Relevant Employee Retirement Systems The state law requires participation in the relevant employee retirement systems.	2	2	4
21	Full-time Virtual Charter School Provisions The state law includes a small number of the model law's requirements for full-time virtual charter schools.	1	3	3
TOTAL SCORE				166