

## ***Charter Schools II (99-TC-03)***

Education Code Sections 47605, Subdivisions (j)(1) and (k)(3), 47605.5, 47607, and 47614  
Statutes 1998, Chapters 34 and 673

Test Claim Filed: June 29, 1999

Reimbursement Period: 1999-2000 through 2004-2005

Initial Reimbursement Claims Filed: June 1, 2004

Statewide Cost Estimate: \$206,595

Pending Action: September 30, 2004

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### **Background**

The Commission has adopted two decisions related to the *Charter Schools* program:

- *Charter Schools I*. On July 21, 1994, the Commission adopted its Statement of Decision finding that Education Code sections 47605 and 47607, as added by Statutes 1992, chapter 781, require new activities related to initial charter school petitions and for monitoring and evaluating the performance of charter schools pertaining to the revision or renewal of approved charters.
- *Charter Schools II*. On November 21, 2002, the Commission adopted its Statement of Decision finding that Education Code sections 47605, subdivisions (j)(1) and (k)(3), 47605.5, 47607, and 47614, as added or amended by Statutes 1998, chapters 34 and 673, require new activities that replaces the previously approved mandate in *Charter Schools* for a review process for denied charter petitions.

The parameters and guidelines for the *Charter Schools II* program was consolidated with the original *Charter Schools* program on December 2, 2003. The period of reimbursement section of the consolidated parameters and guidelines states that costs for *Charter Schools* already claimed for fiscal years 1998-1999 through 2002-2003 are not reimbursable.

### **Statewide Cost Estimate**

The statewide cost estimate is based on seven unaudited, actual reimbursement claims filed by two school districts and a county superintendent of schools.

In adopting the estimate, the Commission made the following assumptions:

1. The actual amount claimed will increase when late or amended claims are filed, and could exceed the statewide cost estimate.
2. Significant numbers of late claims will not be filed because the cost to perform the reimbursable activities for *Charter Schools II* are minimal when compared to the costs already claimed for the original *Charter Schools* mandate and are less than the \$1,000 minimum for filing an annual reimbursement claim.
3. The statewide cost estimate of this program will increase if the number of charter schools increase, the number of charter school petitions filed in fiscal year 2004-2005 increases, and/or the number of eligible claimants increases.
4. The costs of this program will decrease if the number of charter schools declines and/or the number of eligible claimants declines.

5. Any reimbursement claim for this program may be reduced by the SCO if it is audited and deemed to be excessive or unreasonable.