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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 3

Bill #: AL-18

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2 **An Act To**

3 Create a standardized New York State charter school teacher certification

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5 ***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and***
6 ***Assembly do enact as follows:***

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8 **Purpose**

9 The purpose of this bill to mandate that all teachers hired by Charter schools within
10 New York State must be NYS Department of Education Certified Teachers.

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12 **Summary of Provisions**

13 Charter School - A charter school is an independently run public school granted
14 greater flexibility in its operations, in return for greater accountability for
15 performance. The "charter" establishing each school is a performance contract
16 detailing the school's mission, program, students served, performance goals, and
17 methods of assessment.

18 Certification - the action or process of providing someone or something with an
19 official document attesting to a status or level of achievement.

20 NYS Teachers must complete various qualifications while a charter school teacher
21 only needs a bachelor degree, and/or certifications delegated by the individual
22 charter school.

23 All current charter school teachers are given two years to get their certifications
24 This bill will establish that all hired charter school teachers will possess a NYS
25 Department of Education Teacher's Certification certificate.

26 All Charter School Teachers will be mandated to possess NYS Department of
27 Education Certification before being hired by a NYS Charter School.

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29 **Justification**

30 The requirements of a charter school teacher in New York State, is currently left to
31 the individual charter school to decide. All NYS Teachers will be certified by the
32 State education department prior to employment, whether they work in charter or
33 regular NYS Public schools.

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35 **Fiscal Implications**

36 None, this bill is sustained by fees from the NYS certification process.

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38 **Effective Date**

39 January 1st, 2019.