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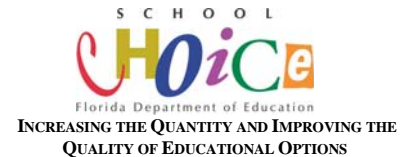
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Superintendents  
Charter School Directors

**FROM:** Steven Adams, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** **Technical Assistance Paper, Charter School Authorizing Entity**

In support of the State Board of Education's imperative to increase the quantity and improve the quality of educational options for Florida's families, the Department is pleased to provide this technical assistance paper (TAP) on the Charter School Authorizing Entity. The TAP provides guidance on the recently enacted HB 135 which creates an independent, state-level commission whose focus is the development and support of charter schools. This document summarizes the powers and duties of this commission and answers questions concerning this authorizing entity.

For additional information or questions concerning this TAP, please contact Karen Hines-Henry at 850-245-0502 or [karen.hines@fldoe.org](mailto:karen.hines@fldoe.org).

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