A bill to be entitled
An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a charter school, in order to obtain approval, to demonstrate that it meets certain needs that the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students in that district; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1002.33 Charter schools.—
(2) GUIDING PRINCIPLES; PURPOSE.—In order to obtain approval, a charter school shall clearly demonstrate that it meets a specific instructional need or a need for additional educational facilities as defined in s. 1013.01 which the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students. Accordingly, each charter school in this state:

(a) Charter schools in Florida shall be guided by the following principles:
1. Meet high standards of student achievement while providing parents flexibility to choose among diverse educational opportunities within the state’s public school system.
2. Promote enhanced academic success and financial efficiency by aligning responsibility with accountability.
3. Provide parents with sufficient information on whether their child is reading at grade level and whether the child
gains at least a year’s worth of learning for every year spent in the charter school.

(b) Charter schools Shall fulfill the following purposes:
1. Improve student learning and academic achievement.
2. Increase learning opportunities for all students, with special emphasis on low-performing students and reading.
3. Encourage the use of innovative learning methods.
4. Require the measurement of learning outcomes.

(c) Charter schools May fulfill the following purposes:
1. Create innovative measurement tools.
2. Provide rigorous competition within the public school district to stimulate continual improvement in all public schools.
3. Expand the capacity of the public school system.
4. Mitigate the educational impact created by the development of new residential dwelling units.
5. Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including ownership of the learning program at the school site.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.