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Grand Valley seeking additional charter applications under new education reform bill.

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - Legislation reforming Michigan's education system will allow for the authorization of additional charter schools by Grand Valley State University.

The new law is aimed at existing, high-performing operators but the process is open to any applicants interested in operating a charter authorized through Grand Valley. Interested applicants can find the "Phase I" application on Grand Valley's Charter School Web site at www.gvsucso.org.

Grand Valley's Charter Schools Office will review the applications based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: a promising vision, sound instructional plan, a quality educational program, and a sound business plan evidencing the ability to offer excellent programs.

Applicants should be prepared to meet high standards both at the application level and throughout the term of the contract. Grand Valley reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to announce individual or extended application periods.

Grand Valley currently authorizes 30 charter schools and three urban high schools.

Grand Valley State University attracts more than 24,400 students with high-quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Grand Valley is a comprehensive university serving students from all 83 Michigan counties and dozens of other states and foreign countries. Grand Valley offers 77 undergraduate and 28 graduate degree programs from campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, and from regional centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. The university is dedicated to individual student achievement, going beyond the traditional classroom experience, with research opportunities and business partnerships.

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