

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 216

Short Title: Evaluate Charter Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Preston.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO EXTEND ITS REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CHARTER
SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-238.29I(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall review and evaluate the educational effectiveness of the charter school approach authorized under this Part and the effect of charter schools on the public schools in the local school administrative unit in which the charter schools are located. The Board shall report no later than January 1, 2002, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee with recommendations to modify, expand, or terminate that approach. The Board shall base its recommendations on the following information:

(1) The current and projected impact of charter schools on the delivery of services by the public schools.

(2) Student academic progress in the charter schools as measured, where available, against the academic year immediately preceding the first academic year of the charter schools' operation.

(3) Best practices resulting from charter school operations.

1 Analysis of this information shall be the predominant factor in determining whether
2 the number of charter schools should be increased and the conditions under which any
3 increase or continued operation should occur. If the analysis indicates demonstrable,
4 substantial success, the General Assembly may consider expanding the number of charter
5 schools that may be established."

6 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.