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SENATE BILL 39

Short Title: Raise Cap on Charter Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith; Allran, Apodaca, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Hartsell, Hunt, Jacumin, Jones, Pittenger, Preston, Shaw, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

February 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RAISE THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-238.29D(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The State Board shall authorize no more than five charter schools per year in one local school administrative unit. The State Board shall authorize no more than ~~400~~ 125 charter schools statewide. If more than five charter schools in one local school administrative unit or more than ~~400~~125 schools statewide meet the standards for final approval, the State Board shall give priority to applications that are most likely to further State education policies and to strengthen the educational program offered in the local school administrative units in which they are located."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.