



SENATE BILL 559: Enable Certain Charter Schools to Elect SHP.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 559 would authorize another opportunity for the Board of Directors for the following four schools: NC Leadership Academy, a charter school in Forsyth County; Alpha Academy, a charter school in Cumberland County; Durham Charter, a charter school in Durham County; and United Community School, a charter school in Mecklenburg County, to elect to participate in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 135-48.54 outlines provisions for charter schools operated by private nonprofit corporation or operated by a municipality to participate in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan).

G.S. 135-48.54(b) provides that no later than two years after both parties have signed the written charter, the board of directors of a charter school operated by a private nonprofit corporation or a municipality shall elect whether to become a participating employer in the Plan. The election must be in writing and filed with the Plan, the Charter Schools Review Board, and the State Board of Education and is effective for each charter school employee as of the date of that employee's entry into eligible service.

BILL ANALYSIS: SB 559 would authorize another opportunity for Boards of Directors of the following charter schools to elect to become a participating employing unit in the State Health Plan:

- NC Leadership Academy, a charter school in Forsyth County
- Alpha Academy, a charter school in Cumberland County
- Durham Charter, a charter school in Durham County.
- United Community School, a charter school in Mecklenburg County.

The election authorized by the bill would need to be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of the act and made in accordance with all other requirements of G.S. 135-48.54.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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