



HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 8.13: Virtual Charter School Changes

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Analysis of:	Sec. 8.13 of S.L. 2016-94		

OVERVIEW: *Sec. 8.13 of S.L. 2016-94 makes the following changes to the virtual charter school pilot program:*

- *A participating virtual charter school may administer tests to multiple grade levels at the same time and in the same location.*
- *A participating virtual charter school may contract with a test administrator who is not employed by the board of directors of the school and meets the following criteria:*
 - *Holds a valid North Carolina teaching license.*
 - *Passes a criminal history check performed by the school.*
 - *Is trained to administer a test in accordance with the North Carolina Testing Program.*
- *Decreases the amount of a participating virtual charter school's teaching staff that must reside in the State from 90% to 80%.*
- *Modifies the criteria for measuring a participating virtual charter school's student withdrawal rate to exclude the following:*
 - *Students who regularly failed to participate in courses who are withdrawn under the procedures adopted by the school.*
 - *Students no longer qualified under State law to attend a North Carolina public school, including relocation to another state.*
 - *Students who: (i) withdraw from school because of a family, personal, or medical reason, and (ii) notify the school of the reason for withdrawal.*
 - *Students who withdraw from school within the first 30 days following the date of enrollment.*

This section became effective July 1, 2016, and applies beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

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