



# HOUSE BILL 159: Charter School TSERS Election.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 159 extends the time a charter school has to elect to become a participating employer in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) from one year to two years.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 135-5.3 allows a charter school operated by private nonprofit corporation that has received approval from the State Board of Education to elect to become a participating employer in TSERS. A charter school desiring to participate must file an application for participation with the Board of Trustees. The charter school also must agree to make contributions required of participating employers and transmit those contributions to the Board of Trustees. The charter school is granted a provisional entry for one year if it elects to participate prior to the end of the initial year of operation.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This bill allows a charter school seeking to become a participating employer in TSERS to be granted provisional entry into the retirement system for one year provided they elect to do so prior to the end of the second year of operation.

- The school may undergo an actuarial and financial review at the end of the first year of operation or prior to the end of the second year of operation.
- The school must undergo an actuarial and financial review at the end of the second year prior to entry into the retirement system.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill becomes effective August 1, 2017.

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