



HOUSE BILL 514: Permit Municipal Charter School/Certain Towns.

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OVERVIEW: *HB 514 would authorize the Towns of Matthews, Mint Hill, Huntersville, and Cornelius to apply to open charter schools and grant priority enrollment to students domiciled in those towns in those charter schools.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-218.15(b) requires that charter schools be operated by private tax-exempt nonprofit corporations.

G.S.115C-218.45 provides that any child qualified for admission to a public school in the State is qualified for admission to a charter school, and that any student who submits a timely application to a charter school must be enrolled if there is space available. If applications exceed space available, the charter school must conduct a lottery. Charters are allowed to give preference in enrollment to students in certain circumstances, including enrollment of siblings, children of teachers or board members (capped at 15%), and students previously enrolled in charter schools under various circumstances.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 514 would authorize the Towns of Cornelius, Huntersville, Matthews, and Mint Hill to apply for and hold a charter for a charter school. The governing boards of the towns could serve as the board of directors for the school, or could appoint a board of directors to govern the school.

A municipal charter school may become a participating employer in TSERS and the State Health Plan at the discretion of the board of directors.

Students domiciled in the municipality could be given preferential enrollment over other applicants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 514 would become effective when it becomes law and would apply to applications to establish a charter school submitted on or after that date.

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