



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

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2018-3 authorizes 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.*

*This act became effective June 7, 2018, and applies to applications to establish a charter school on or after that date.*

**BACKGROUND:** 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:** This act authorizes 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 may serve as the board of directors for the school, or may appoint a board of directors to govern the school. Students domiciled in the municipality may be given preferential enrollment over other applicants.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective June 7, 2018, and applies to applications to establish a charter school submitted on or after that date.

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