



# HOUSE BILL 806: Student Notice/Charter School Closure/Restr.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 806 would require a student and family fair notice and an impact statement prior to the closing or restructuring of a charter school.

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-218.95 identifies the criteria and process for nonrenewal or termination of a charter, but there are no express requirements that the State Board of Education or the charter school provide notice to parents that such a process has been initiated.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 806 would require the following:

- Charter school must provide notice within five days to all impacted parents of any communication from the State Board of Education initiating a process that could lead to the dissolution, termination, revocation, nonrenewal, or significant restructuring as a condition of continued operation.
- Charter school must provide notice within five days to all impacted parents if it intends to dissolve and surrender its charter or amend its charter to significantly restructure the school.
- State Board of Education (if the State Board has commenced the action) or the charter school (if the charter voluntarily intends to dissolve or significantly restructure) must provide within 60 days of the notice described above a Student and Family Impact Statement to all impacted parents, based in part on a survey of parents enrolled in the school. The Impact Statement must include information about the impact of the action, such as:
  - Description of the proposed action, including the charter school's needs and benefits related to the action
  - Potential impact on students who are proficient or achieving academic growth greater than in their previous setting
  - Full review of the public school to which each student will be assigned
  - Analysis of alternatives to the proposed action
- State Board or charter school must hold a public hearing on the Impact Statement within 60 days of providing notice that the Impact Statement has been completed, but not sooner than within 15 days of delivery of the notice.
- Neither the State Board nor the charter school may take action to significantly restructure or dissolve until at least 30 days after the hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to actions commenced to involuntarily or voluntarily dissolve or significantly restructure a charter school on or after that date.

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