



HOUSE BILL 935: Add Piedmont Community Charter School to SHP.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 935 authorizes Piedmont Community Charter School to elect to participate in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. This bill received a favorable report from the House Committee on Pensions and Retirement on May 31st.*

CURRENT LAW: A charter school operated by a private nonprofit corporation may elect to become a participating employer in the State Health Plan. The election must be made no later than 30 days after the signing of the written charter. The election must be in writing and filed with the State Health Plan and State Board of Education. The election is effective for all eligible charter school employees and is irrevocable.

BILL ANALYSIS: Notwithstanding the time limitation of G.S. 135-48.54, the bill authorizes Piedmont Community Charter School to elect to participate in the State Health Plan. The election must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this act. Similar legislation has been enacted for the following charter schools: Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School (2012), Casa Esperanza Montessori Charter School (2012), Corvian Community School (2013), Pioneer Springs Community School (2015), and Longleaf School of the Arts (2016).

BACKGROUND: The Piedmont Community Charter School is a charter school located in Gastonia. It filed its Charter Application in 1999, and renewed its Charter Agreement in 2015.

House Bill 977, introduced by Representatives Ross, McNeill, and Dulin, would amend the current law to change the 30-day time period limitation to two years for all private, nonprofit charter school corporations. House Bill 977 is currently calendared pursuant to Rule 36(b).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill becomes effective when it becomes law.

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