



2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 219: Charter School Omnibus, Sec. 1: Clarify Requirements of Charter Application and Renewal

Committee:		Date:	December 6, 2023
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Brian Gwyn Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 1 of S.L. 2023-107		

OVERVIEW: *Section 1 of S.L. 2023-107 clarifies certain requirements for charter school applications and renewals. When approving, renewing, amending, or terminating charter schools, this section prohibits the State Board of Education (SBE) from considering any alleged impact of the charter school on the local school administrative units (LEAs). Additionally, when considering charter renewals, if a charter school provides services to certain targeted groups, this section requires the SBE to compare the charter school's results for those subgroups with the same subgroups in the LEA, rather than comparing results with all students in the LEA.*

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on July 21, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on August 16, 2023. This section of the act became effective August 16, 2023, and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

CURRENT LAW: The SBE approves, renews, amends, and terminates charter schools after considering a number of factors. The SBE is required to renew charters unless certain factors are found. One of those factors is that the charter's academic outcomes for the prior three years have not been comparable to the academic outcomes of the LEA in which the charter is located.

BILL ANALYSIS: This section prohibits the SBE from considering any alleged impact of the charter school on LEAs in its decisions. Additionally, it requires, if a charter provides services to certain targeted groups, that the SBE compare the charter school's results for those subgroups with the same subgroups in the LEA.

This section also makes conforming changes that were contingent upon S.L. 2023-110 becoming law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill was vetoed by the Governor on July 21, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on August 16, 2023. This section of the act became effective August 16, 2023, and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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