



2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 219: Charter School Omnibus, Sec. 4: Add Admissions Preferences for Graduates of Certain Pre-K Programs and for Children of Military Families

Committee:		Date:	December 7, 2023
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Brian Gwyn Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 4 of S.L. 2023-107		

OVERVIEW: Section 4 of S.L. 2023-107 allows the following students to receive priority admission to charter schools rather than being subject to an admissions lottery:

- Capped at up to 10% of total student enrollment, a preschool student enrolled at least 75 days of the prior semester in a preschool program with a written enrollment articulation agreement with the charter school.
- A student whose parent is on active military duty.

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: Charter schools that receive more applications than available seats must conduct a lottery for student admissions. Charter schools can allow admissions prior to the lottery process for students meeting certain criteria.

BILL ANALYSIS: This section allows two new pre-lottery admission groups:

- Capped at up to 10% of total student enrollment, a preschool student enrolled at least 75 days of the prior semester in a preschool program with a written enrollment articulation agreement with the charter school.
- A student whose parent is on active military duty.

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.

Jeffrey Hudson
Director



Legislative Analysis
Division
919-733-2578