

March 2, 1999

H 216. EVALUATE CHARTER SCHOOLS. *TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND ITS REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.* Amends GS 115C-238.29I(c) to direct State Board of Education to evaluate educational effectiveness of the charter school approach authorized by statutes and to report by Jan. 1, 2002 to Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee with recommendations to modify, expand, or terminate that approach. Board is to base its recommendations on (1) the current and projected impact of charter schools on the delivery of services by the public schools, (2) student academic progress in the charter schools as measured, where available, against the academic year immediately preceding the first academic year of the charter schools' operation, and (3) best practices resulting from charter school operations. Specifies that analysis of this information should be the predominant factor in determining whether the number of charter schools should be increased and the conditions under which any increase or continued operation should occur. If the analysis indicates demonstrable, substantial success, legislature may consider expanding number of charter schools that may be established. Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Preston.

Ref. to Education

GS 115C

March 30, 1999

H 216. EVALUATE CHARTER SCHOOLS. Intro. 3/2/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Authorizes State Board to base its recommendations on other information it considers appropriate in addition to factors listed in bill as introduced.