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S 645. LEAS & COLLEGES OPERATE CHARTER SCHOOLS. *TO PERMIT A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR CHARTER STATUS FOR ONE OR MORE OF ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO PERMIT PRIVATE COLLEGES TO SERVE AS CHARTERING ENTITIES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.* Amends GS 115C-238.29B(a) and adds new GS 115C-238.29B(c)(2a) as title indicates. Further amends GS 115C-238.29B(a) to provide that application by a local board of education requesting charter approval shall include statement that none of its employees or students shall be assigned to work or attend the charter school unless they request assignment. Makes conforming changes to GS Ch. 115C, Art. 16, Part 6A, and clarifies those requirements that are applicable to local boards of education and those applicable to other organizations operating charter schools by adding references to "private nonprofit corporations" throughout act. Amends GS 115C-238.29D to provide that charters operated by local boards of education do not count against charter school caps set forth in that sec. and that the State Board of Education may authorize as many charters to be operated by local boards of education as it deems appropriate. Provides in GS 115C-238.29F that students attending charter school operated by local board shall have same right to school transportation as other students residing in district.

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Ref. to Education	GS 115C
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