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S 172. ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS IN 100 COUNTIES. Filed 2/12/09. *TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS IN ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES.*

Current law permits the State Board of Education (SBE) to authorize no more than five charter schools per year in a single local school administrative unit (local unit) *and* caps the total number of charter schools statewide at 100. Amends GS 115C-238.29D(b) by amending the cap to permit the SBE to authorize no more than 100 charter schools statewide plus one for each county where a charter school is not authorized. Directs the SBE to also give priority to charter school applications in counties without a charter school (as well as to those likely to further state education policies and to strengthen the local school administrative unit's educational program) if more than five charter schools in one local unit or more than 100 schools statewide meet the standards for approval.

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