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Short Title: Promoting Charter School Success Pilot. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bryan, Brockman, and B. Brown (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL
3 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THROUGH PARENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL
4 FREEDOM IN NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and
8 the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year for use by Parents for
9 Educational Freedom in North Carolina, Inc., (PEFNC) to establish a grant program through its
10 North Carolina Public Charter School Accelerator (NC Accelerator) program to support the
11 development of charter schools in accordance with this section. PEFNC shall use the funds
12 made available to it under this act to provide grant funding to participants for the development
13 of up to four charter schools each fiscal year. State funds shall only be used to operate and
14 administer the program and provide grants to charter school participants for replication and
15 expansion through the NC Accelerator program.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall not
17 revert at the end of the each fiscal year but shall remain available for expenditure in accordance
18 with this section.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** PEFNC shall require that grant recipients applying and
20 participating in the program under subsection (a) of this section meet at least one of the
21 following conditions:

- 22 (1) The charter school meets the requirements for replication pursuant to State
23 Board policy, TCS-U-016.
24 (2) The charter school is eligible for approval by the State Board for additional
25 enrollment growth of greater than twenty percent (20%) upon a finding by
26 the State Board that the charter school meets the requirements under
27 G.S. 115C-218.5(e)(1) through (5) and the charter school meets the
28 requirements under G.S. 115C-218.5(f)(4) for a grade-level expansion.

29 **SECTION 1.(d)** PEFNC may provide grants of up to two hundred fifty thousand
30 dollars (\$250,000) to recipients for the initial planning period.

31 **SECTION 1.(e)** By October 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, PEFNC shall
32 submit to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee a report on the progress of the
33 program, an accounting of expenditures, and the status of grant recipients.

34 **SECTION 2.** Section 2.5(b) of S.L. 2014-101 reads as rewritten:

35 **"SECTION 2.5.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.29D(f)(4), as enacted by this section, expires
36 ~~September 1, 2015.~~September 1, 2016."



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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.