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SENATE BILL DRS15132-MT-106 (03/09)

Short Title: Charter Schools in the Workplace. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tillman, Britt, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ENROLLMENT PRIORITY AND PERMIT BOARD
3 MEMBERSHIP FOR CORPORATE PARTNERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-218.45 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 115C-218.45. Admission requirements.

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8 (f) The charter school may give enrollment priority to any of the following:

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10 (7) Limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the school's total enrollment,
11 children of permanent employees of a corporate partner in accordance with
12 subsection (f1) of this section. If the number of applications from these
13 children exceed fifty percent (50%) of the school's total enrollment, these
14 children shall be accepted by a separate lottery.

15 (f1) For purposes of this section, a corporate partner is any legal entity authorized to
16 transact business in this State under Chapter 55, 55A, 55B, 57D, or 59 of the General Statutes
17 and that has, acting individually or as part of a consortium of corporations, donated one or more
18 of the following to the charter school:

19 (1) The land on which the school is built.

20 (2) The school building or the space the school occupies. If the corporate partner
21 is leasing the building or space to the school, the charter school may only
22 give enrollment priority if the lease provides that the building or space is
23 made available without cost and if the term of the lease is not less than the
24 duration of the charter.

25 (3) Major renovations to the existing school building or other capital
26 improvements, including major investments in technology. For purposes of
27 this subdivision, a major renovation to the existing school building means
28 changes that provide significant opportunities for substantial improvement,
29 including, but not limited to, a structural change to the foundation, roof,
30 floor, or interior or exterior walls or extension of an existing facility to
31 increase its floor area; or an extensive alteration of an existing facility, such
32 as a change in its function or purpose, even if such renovation does not
33 include any structural change to the facility. A major investment in
34 technology includes, but is not limited to, a donation of hardware, software,
35 Internet access, Internet hardware, enterprise systems, software licenses,
36 smart board technology, or audiovisual equipment. The value of a major



1 renovation or of an investment of technology shall be equal to at least fifty
2 percent (50%) of the State's per pupil allocation for charter schools for that
3 year multiplied by the charter school's average daily membership.

4 (f2) Each year that the charter school provides the corporate partner with enrollment
5 priority, as described in subdivision (7) of subsection (f) of this section, the corporate partner
6 and the charter school shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that shall specify the
7 duration of the priority and the methods by which the corporate partner shall support the charter
8 school, including, but not limited to, internships for students, career counseling, academic
9 tutoring, or enrichment activities.

10 (f3) The enrollment priority described in subdivision (7) of subsection (f) of this section
11 shall not be implemented in a way that displaces students who are enrolled at the school at the
12 time the charter application or the material revision providing for the priority is approved by
13 the State Board of Education.

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15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-218.1(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

16 "(16) Whether the charter school intends to provide enrollment priority to the
17 children of a corporate partner and, if so, identifying information for that
18 corporate partner."

19 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-218.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

20 "(e) Adoption of the enrollment priority described in G.S. 115C-218.45(f)(3)c. shall be
21 considered a material revision of the charter."

22 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 115C-218.15 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 "(b1) Persons affiliated with a corporate partner, as defined in G.S. 115C-218.45(f1), are
24 eligible for membership on the board of directors of a charter school that provides enrollment
25 priority to corporate partners, subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, as
26 follows:

27 (1) Persons affiliated with the corporate partner shall not constitute a majority of
28 the board.

29 (2) If the corporate partner is leasing the building or space to the school, the
30 lease shall provide that the building or space is made available without cost
31 and the term of the lease shall not be less than the duration of the charter."

32 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
33 the 2017-2018 school year.