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SENATE BILL DRS45255-MT-110

Short Title: Charter Schools Provide Transp. & Food. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Garrett and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND  
3 FOOD SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-218.1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) The application shall contain at least the following information:

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8 (16) The school's plans for providing transportation. The school shall develop a  
9 plan for transportation for any student enrolled in the charter school who  
10 resides in the local school administrative unit in which the school will be  
11 located.

12 (17) The school's plans for providing food services. The school shall develop a plan  
13 to provide food services for any student enrolled in the charter school."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-218.40 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 115C-218.40. Charter school transportation.**

16 The charter school may provide transportation for students enrolled at the school. The charter  
17 school shall ~~develop a transportation plan so that transportation is not a barrier to provide~~  
18 transportation for any student enrolled in the charter school who resides in the local school  
19 administrative unit in which the school is located. ~~The charter school is not required to provide~~  
20 ~~transportation to any student who lives within one and one-half miles of the school.~~ At the request  
21 of the charter school and if the local board of the local school administrative unit in which the  
22 charter school is located operates a school bus system, then that local board may contract with  
23 the charter school to provide transportation in accordance with the charter school's transportation  
24 plan to students who reside in the local school administrative unit and who reside at least one and  
25 one-half miles of the charter school. A local board may charge the charter school a reasonable  
26 charge that is sufficient to cover the cost of providing this transportation. Furthermore, a local  
27 board may refuse to provide transportation under this section if it demonstrates there is no  
28 available space on buses it intends to operate during the term of the contract or it would not be  
29 practically feasible to provide this transportation."

30 **SECTION 3.** Article 14A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by  
31 adding a new section to read:

32 "**§ 115C-218.42. Food services.**

33 The charter school shall provide food services for any student enrolled in the charter school.  
34 In the operation of their food service programs, charter schools shall participate in the National  
35 School Lunch Program as provided in G.S. 115C-264."



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1           **SECTION 4.** Section 1 of this act applies to applications for a new or renewed  
2 charter submitted on or after July 1, 2019. Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective July 1,  
3 2020. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.