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SENATE BILL DRS45137-NH-35

Short Title: Central Park School Admissions Pilot Program. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Woodard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CENTRAL PARK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN DURHAM
3 COUNTY TO CONDUCT A WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS LOTTERY PILOT PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The charter school Central Park School for Children in Durham County
6 may establish a pilot program to expand the school's weighted lottery admission procedures for
7 a period of up to four years. The pilot program shall preserve existing weighting factors but may
8 add additional weighting factors that serve the goal of assisting educationally or economically
9 disadvantaged students, including walk zones.

10 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218.7, an admissions lottery pilot program
11 established under this act shall not be considered a material change of a school's charter.

12 **SECTION 3.** By June 15 of each year in which a pilot program established under
13 this act is being designed or conducted, the Central Park School for Children shall report to the
14 Charter Schools Advisory Board the following information:

- 15 (1) A description of the pilot weighted lottery procedures, including the weighted
16 factors considered and how those factors further the goals of the weighted
17 lottery system.
18 (2) How the pilot procedure differed from the existing procedure.
19 (3) The number of students that were admitted under the pilot program that would
20 not have otherwise been admitted.

21 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to weighted
22 lotteries conducted for the admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year.

