



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 618, "AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS.."***

The North Carolina Constitution clearly gives the State Board of Education the oversight authority for public schools, including charter schools. This bill is a legislative power grab that turns that responsibility over to a commission of political friends and extremists appointed by Republican legislators, making it more likely that faulty or failing charter schools will be allowed to operate and shortchange their students. Oversight of charter schools should be conducted by education experts not partisan politicians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at 1:17 PM for reconsideration by that body.

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Education. This election is effective for each charter school employee as of the date of that employee's entry into eligible service."

**SECTION 2.** The current members of the Charter Schools Advisory Board shall serve as initial members of the Charter Schools Review Board. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218(b), as amended by this act, upon the expiration of the current term of the Charter School Review Board members, (i) one term expiring in 2023 shall be replaced with an appointment by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and (ii) two terms expiring in 2023 shall be replaced with an appointment by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in accordance with G.S. 120-121. Those members shall be appointed for two-year terms. As those terms expire in 2025 and thereafter, or as vacancies occur prior to the expiration of those terms, those members on the North Carolina Charter Schools Review Board shall be appointed in accordance with G.S. 115C-218.

**SECTION 3.** Any applicant or charter school that received a decision on an application, charter amendment, renewal, or termination from the State Board of Education after July 1, 2022, that differed from the decision recommended by the Charter Schools Advisory Board may apply for the decision to be reconsidered by the Charter Schools Review Board. The applicant or charter school shall request reconsideration within 60 days of the date this act becomes law, and the Review Board shall issue a decision on the reconsideration at the first meeting of the Review Board after it receives the reconsideration request.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

**VETO**  
*Roy Cooper*

Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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