GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE.

House Bill 219, “AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS.”

This bill allowing more students to attend failing charter schools risks their education and their future. The State Board of Education should continue to oversee the enrollment growth of charter schools to assure success. North Carolina should continue to cap the enrollment growth of low-performing charter schools until they can show that they improve student achievement. Finally, diverting local resources to build charter schools without clear authority on who owns them risks financial loss to county taxpayers who have no recourse.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 21st day of July 2023, at 1:22 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 8.(c) This section is effective on the date House Bill 618, 2023 Regular Session, becomes law.

PART IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 9. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 2023.

Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Jason Saine
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved __________.m. this ___________ day of __________________, 2023