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Short Title: Charter Schools Omnibus.

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Sponsors:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ALL GOVERNING BOARDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO
3 REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES AND TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
4 NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD AND CREATE A
5 STAGGER FOR THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **PART I. PERMIT CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHERS TO RECEIVE RESIDENCY**
9 **LICENSURE**

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

11 "(5) Residency License or RL. – A one-year license, renewable twice, that meets
12 both of the following requirements:

- 13 a. ~~Is requested by the local board of education~~ governing board of a
14 public school unit and accompanied by a certification of supervision
15 from the recognized educator preparation program in which the
16 individual is enrolled.
- 17 b. The individual for whom the license is requested meets all of the
18 following requirements:
- 19 1. Holds a bachelor's degree.
 - 20 2. Has either completed coursework relevant to the requested
21 licensure area or passed the content area examination relevant
22 to the requested licensure area that has been approved by the
23 State Board.
 - 24 3. Is enrolled in a recognized educator preparation program.
 - 25 4. Meets all other requirements established by the State Board,
26 including completing preservice requirements prior to
27 teaching."

28 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies to individuals seeking licensure on or after the
29 effective date of this act.

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31 **PART II. NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD CHANGES**

32 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-218(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

33 "(2) Membership. – ~~The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the~~
34 ~~Superintendent's designee, shall be the secretary of the Advisory Board and a~~



1 ~~nonvoting member.~~ The Advisory Board shall consist of the following 11
2 voting members:

- 3 a. Repealed by Session Laws 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 17, effective
4 January 1, 2017.
- 5 b. Four members appointed by the General Assembly upon the
6 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in
7 accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 8 c. Four members appointed by the General Assembly upon the
9 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in
10 accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 11 d. ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by the State Board of Education
12 who ~~are~~ is not a ~~current members~~ member of the State Board of
13 Education and who ~~are~~ is a charter school ~~advocates~~ advocate in North
14 Carolina.
- 15 e. The Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designee.
- 16 f. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's
17 designee. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall
18 be the secretary of the Advisory Board."

19 **SECTION 2.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218(b), as amended by this act, for one
20 term expiring in 2021, appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and for two terms
22 expiring in 2021, appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, to the North Carolina Charter
24 Schools Advisory Board, those members shall be appointed for two-year terms. As those terms
25 expire in 2023 and thereafter, or as vacancies occur prior to the expiration of those terms, those
26 members on the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board shall be appointed in
27 accordance with G.S. 115C-218.

28 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
29 appointments made on or after that date.

30 **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to individuals
32 seeking licensure on or after the effective date of this act.
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