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Short Title: Broaden Charter School Sibling Priority.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO BROADEN CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PRIORITY TO INCLUDE
3 SIBLINGS WHO APPLY TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ADMISSION IN THE
4 SAME SCHOOL YEAR AND CHILDREN OF PERSONS EMPLOYED TO WORK
5 FULL-TIME FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-218.45(f) reads as rewritten:

8 "(f) The charter school may give enrollment priority to any of the following:

9 (1) Siblings of currently enrolled students who were admitted to the charter school
10 in a previous year. For the purposes of this section, the term "siblings"
11 includes any of the following who reside in the same household: half siblings,
12 stepsiblings, and children residing in a family foster home.

13 (1a) Siblings who apply to the charter school for admission beginning in the same
14 school year, such as when a sibling was not initially admitted due to grade
15 level capacity.

16 (2) Siblings of students who have completed the highest grade level offered by
17 that school and who were enrolled in at least four grade levels offered by the
18 charter school or, if less than four grades are offered, in the maximum number
19 of grades offered by the charter school.

20 (2a) A student who was enrolled in a preschool program operated by the charter
21 school in the prior year.

22 (3) Limited to no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the school's total enrollment,
23 unless granted a waiver by the State Board of Education, the following:

24 a. Children of the school's persons employed to work full-time
25 employees for the charter school, including children of full-time
26 contracted employees.

27 b. Children of the charter school's board of directors.

28 (4) A student who was enrolled in the charter school within the two previous
29 school years but left the school (i) to participate in an academic study abroad
30 program or a competitive admission residential program or (ii) because of the
31 vocational opportunities of the student's parent.

32 (5) A student who was enrolled in another charter school in the State in the
33 previous school year that does not offer the student's next grade level.

34 (6) A student who was enrolled in another charter school in the State in the
35 previous school year that does not offer the student's next grade level and both



1 of the charter schools have an enrollment articulation agreement to accept
2 students or are governed by the same board of directors.
3 (7) A student who was enrolled in another charter school in the State in the
4 previous school year."

5 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
6 the 2019-2020 school year.