



# NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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## **Public Charter School Waitlists Total 77,000+ Students**

*HB 618 would streamline approval process for new public  
charter schools*

**Raleigh, N.C.** – The N.C. Department of Public Instruction (DPI) [reported](#) last week that there are 77,000+ names on public charter school waitlists around the state. Amid that large backlog, policymakers are considering streamlining the approval process for new public charter schools.

For a new public charter school to open right now, it must receive a favorable recommendation from the Charter Schools Advisory Board and then receive a majority vote from the State Board of Education.

According to DPI, the State Board of Education approves just 26% of yearly public charter school applications, on average.

Lindalyn Kakadelis, Executive Director of the N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools, said, "**No other public school must go through these complex layers of statewide bureaucracy to open. The parents waiting to send their children to a public charter school deserve an efficient review process.**"

House Bill 618, sponsored by Speaker Tim Moore and Reps. Destin Hall, Tricia Cotham, and David Willis, would eliminate the requirement for the State Board of Education to vote on every single public charter school application.

Instead, a newly-constituted Charter School Review Board would handle the process, with the State Board retaining its authority to oversee educational and policy matters and serving as an appellate body for Review Board decisions.

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*The N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools promotes and protects public charter schools. To learn more, visit our [website](#).*

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