

Support: 2015 Bills that Affect Charters

	Bill	Overview	Senate Sponsor	House Sponsor	INCS Position	Final Status
1.	HB809	Mandates a procurement policy in each charter contract and amends the renewal term to permit a ten-year term for high-quality charter schools, as defined by the authorizer. Also requires renewal decisions to be based on material terms, makes the consideration of student interests central to renewal decisions, and requires authorizers to establish a performance framework that applies to charters.		Christian Mitchell (D)	Support	Failed to Pass
2.	HR380	This Bipartisan resolution acknowledges that charter schools provide high quality education to many children across the state of Illinois. It also recognizes that we have work to do to continue to improve, but overall, charter schools are providing access to great schools in areas where there were none.		Dan Burke (D)	Support	Resolution Adopted
3.	HB814	Lifts the arbitrary cap on charter schools in the state		Jaime Andrade (D)	Support	Failed to Pass

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4.	HB397	Eliminates any independent charter school appeal to the Charter School Commission.	Sen. Holmes (D)	Rep. Welch (D)	Oppose	Failed to pass
5.	HB1301	Provides that payments made to charter schools by the State Board be prorated and paid at the same percentage that general state aid is paid to the school district.	Sen. Hutchinson (D)		Oppose	Failed to Pass

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6.	HB2810	Requires the State Board to provide a payment to all Commission charter schools in an amount equal to the local property tax share, but such funds would be deducted from the total General State Aid allocation.		Rep. Welch (D)	Oppose	Failed to Pass
7.	HB2523	Requires all Chicago charter schools to have a local school council. Provides the local school council all the rights of an LSC at a traditional school (hiring, budget) Requires each LSC to have one student member with full voting rights.		Rep. Hernandez (D)	Oppose	Failed to Pass

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8.	HB3511	Mandates that no charter school may enter into a contract with a for-profit EMO or CMO after the effective date of the amendment.		Rep. Martwick (D)	Oppose	Failed to pass
9.	SB1375	Requires all high school students (including charter students) to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization test in order to graduate.	Sen. Hastings (D)		Oppose	Failed to pass

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10.	SB100	Removes language allowing student expulsion in excess of 10 days for acts of gross disobedience and mandates that students may only be expelled if they pose a serious, imminent threat to teachers, staff or other students.	Sen. Lightford (D)	Rep. Davis (D)	Neutral	Passed both chambers, and awaits Governor's signature
11.	HB1360	Requires charter schools to comply with all <u>local</u> health, safety, and wellness policies in addition to state policies.	Sen. Biss (D)	Rep. Gabel (D)	Neutral	Passed both chambers, and awaits Governor's signature
12.	SB1591	Requires any individual or organization submitting a charter application to disclose a criminal or civil investigation by local, state, and federal law enforcement.	Sen. Collins (D)	Rep. Martwick (D)	Neutral	Passed both chambers, and awaits Governor's signature
13.	HB3199	Mandates that all charter schools must comply with the truancy laws that are applicable to public schools under state law.		Rep. Chapa LaVia (D)	Neutral	Failed to Pass

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14.	HB2502	Requires that earned sick leave payable by a charter school employer be considered pensionable earnings of the employee. No reimbursement from the State.	Sen. Sandoval (D)	Rep. Burke (D)	Neutral	Passed both chambers, and awaits Governor's signature
15.	HR265	Subject Matter Hearing of Charter Schools, their effectiveness, and their policy.		Rep. McAsey (D)	Neutral	Resolution Adopted