



NCDPI Office of Charter Schools

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Goal: The Office of Charter Schools, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Charter School Advisory Board, works to ensure the high quality of public charter schools. This is achieved by having specific work streams assigned to consultants in the Office of Charter Schools to ensure the standards set by SBE and CSAB are met.

Status: Six charter school consultants are currently employed by the Office of Charter Schools.

Current Legislation:

§ GS 115C-218 - North Carolina Office of Charter Schools

- (1) Establishment of the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools - There is established the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools, hereinafter referred to in this Article as the Office of Charter Schools. The Office of Charter Schools shall be administratively located in the Department of Public Instruction, subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the State Board of Education. The Office of Charter Schools shall consist of an executive director appointed by the State Board of Education and such other professional, administrative, technical, and clerical personnel as may be necessary to assist the Office of Charter Schools in carrying out its powers and duties.
- (2) Powers and duties. – The Office of Charter Schools shall have the following powers and duties:
 - a. Serve as staff to the Advisory Board and fulfill any task and duties assigned to it by the Advisory Board.
 - b. Provide technical assistance and guidance to charter schools operating within the State.
 - c. Provide technical assistance and guidance to nonprofit corporations seeking to operate charter schools within the State.
 - d. Provide or arrange for training for charter schools that have received preliminary approval from the State Board.
 - e. Assist approved charter schools and charter schools seeking approval from the State Board in coordinating services with the Department of Public Instruction.
 - f. Other duties as assigned by the State Board.

Recommendation(s):

1. Increase charter school consultants and Charter Schools Advisory Board costs
 - a. Need expansion from current six consultants to seven
 - b. Expansion in Charter School Advisory Board operating budget to meet monthly expenses
 - c. Provide funding to help with purchasing or development of a system to help
 - d. Provide funding for monitoring and oversight systemAdditional funding to support the purchasing or development of a system to increase efficiency and consistency with reporting to support the Charter Schools Advisory Board and State Board of Education