
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1603 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, MADDEN, PROBST, SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ,
DONAHUE, ROZZI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, GREEN AND CIRESI,
AUGUST 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in charter schools, further providing
6 for enrollment.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1723-A(d)(1) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to
12 read:

13 Section 1723-A. Enrollment.--* * *

14 (d) (1) [Enrollment] Except as provided under paragraph
15 (1.1), enrollment of students in a charter school or cyber
16 charter school shall not be subject to a cap or otherwise
17 limited by any past or future action of a board of school
18 directors, a board of control established under Article XVII-B,
19 a special board of control established under section 692 or any

1 other governing authority, unless agreed to by the charter
2 school or cyber charter school as part of a written charter
3 pursuant to section 1720-A.

4 (1.1) Enrollment of students in a charter school or regional
5 charter school shall be subject to a cap on students who reside
6 in the district or districts in which the charter school is
7 physically located or in which the regional charter school is
8 chartered as part of a written charter under section 1720-A. The
9 enrollment cap shall be approved by the local board of school
10 directors of a school district or by the local boards of school
11 directors of a school district in the case of a regional charter
12 school. The enrollment cap shall not preclude a charter school
13 from enrolling students from districts outside of the physical
14 location of the charter school or in the case of a regional
15 charter school, from districts outside of where the regional
16 charter school is chartered.

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18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.