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Bill Summary

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Overview

Allows charter schools to give an enrollment preference to students who are eligible for meal benefits when the percent of the students at a charter school who are eligible to receive meal benefits is lower than the percent of students who are eligible for meal benefits statewide or in the district in which the charter school is located.

Section

- 1** **Admission requirements.** (c) Allows a charter school to give enrollment preference to children eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch. Requires a charter school giving this preference to identify the manner and order of the preference in the charter school's admission and lottery policy and on its Web site and to give 180 days' notice before discontinuing the preference. Allows a charter school to give this preference when the percent of its students eligible to receive a meal benefit is lower than the percent of students who are eligible for meal benefits statewide or in the district in which the charter school is located. Allows a charter school that gives this preference to ask on the Application for Educational Benefits form sent to students' households whether the household wants the student considered for the enrollment preference. Declares board members immune from liability for implementing this enrollment preference.

Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.