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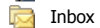
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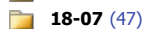


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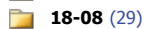
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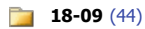
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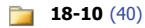
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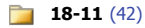
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Senate Bill 469 Technical Corrections
Charlotte, NC- Thursday December 27, the House and the Senate adjourned the Regular Session of the 2017 legislative session of the General Assembly. Both Chambers voted to override Governor's Roy Cooper's veto of Senate Bill 469, Technical Corrections, which includes provisions for four Mecklenburg towns to create their own charter and makes municipal charter school employees eligible for state benefits.
This summer the General Assembly approved House Bill 514, Permit Municipal Charter School/Certain Towns, which authorizes the Towns of Matthews, Mint Hill, Huntersville, and Cornelius to apply to open charter schools and grant priority enrollment to students in those towns in those charter schools. G.S. 115C-218.15(b) requires that charter schools be operated by private tax-exempt nonprofit corporations. Charters are allowed to give preference in enrollment to students in certain circumstances, including enrollment of siblings, children of teachers or board members, and students previously enrolled in charter schools under various circumstances. Because those suburbs are whiter and more affluent than Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as a whole, several local and state advocates denounced the bill as a step toward segregation.
Cooper Roy Cooper announcing the veto of Senate Bill 469 stated, "...municipal charter schools set a dangerous precedent that could lead to taxpayer funded re-segregation."
Senate Bill 469 adds that a municipal charter school's board of directors may elect to participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system has pushed against extending benefits as other public school employees are to charter schools.
Senate voted 31-10 to override Governor Veto, Senator Waddell voted against Senate Bill 469. "Seems like we are turning back the hands of time when it comes to the language of the bill," Said Senator Joyce Waddell

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