

Senate Bill 416

By: Senators Price of the 56th, Johnson of the 1st, Stephens of the 51st, Cable of the 27th, Beatty of the 47th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to change the length of the original charter and  
3 the renewal charter for charter schools; to clarify that charter renewal for a state chartered  
4 special school does not require request by local board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
9 secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-2063, relating to petitions to establish  
10 charter schools, by striking paragraph (10) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(10) Specify the proposed duration of the charter, ~~not to exceed~~ which shall be not less  
12 than three years nor more than five years; and".

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2064, relating to approval or denial  
15 of charter petitions and renewal of charters, by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu  
16 thereof the following:

17 "(c) The initial term of a charter shall ~~not exceed~~ be not less than three years nor more than  
18 five years. The state board may renew a charter, ~~upon the written request of the governing~~  
19 ~~body of the charter school and the local board which approved that school's charter~~, for the  
20 period of time specified in the renewal request, ~~not to exceed five years~~ which shall be not  
21 less than three years nor more than five years. For a state chartered special school, the  
22 request required for renewal shall be the written request of the governing body of the  
23 charter school. Renewal of any other charter school shall require the written request of the  
24 governing body of the charter school and the local board which approved that school's  
25 charter."

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.