

# 2014 INCS OPPOSED Charter Bills (Page 1)

	Bill	Overview	Why it's harmful?	Senate sponsor	House sponsor	Charter Schools Affected	Status
1	HB6005/ SB3030	Creates vast and varied administrative burdens on charter schools and authorizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forbids charter schools from spending any dollars on marketing (without defining "marketing" or applying it to district-run schools)</li> <li>• Creates compensation caps for charter school CEOs and principals</li> <li>• Prohibits charters from contracting with EMO/CMOs, and creates several contract restrictions</li> <li>• Eliminates funding for charter schools not in compliance</li> <li>• Requires the authorizer to manage the admissions, lottery and waiting list processes for all charters (which is a HUGE unfunded mandate)</li> <li>• Among several other restrictions</li> </ul>	Jacqueline Collins (D)	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	All charters in Illinois	<p>Voted out of the House Ed. Cmtee</p> <p>Voted out of the Senate Subcmtee on charters</p>
2	SB 3303	Provides rigid restrictions on the opening of, and access to, charter school options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides that no charter can be granted within the same zip code, or neighboring zip code, in which a public school was closed within 10 school years.</li> <li>• Provides that no charter must be granted unless the General Assembly has appropriated transition impact aid (TIA) for the school district where the charter school is to be located, when TIA hasn't been funded in years.</li> <li>• Provides that CPS designate attendance boundaries for Chicago charter schools.</li> </ul>	Jacqueline Collins		All future charters in Illinois (stops all charter growth)	No Action Yet

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3	HB5328	Mandates Chicago charter schools be administered by a local school council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill ignores the accountability structures already in place for charters by adding a new one.</li> <li>All charter schools are non-profit organizations that report to their board of directors, and their charter authorizer for academic and financial accountability.</li> <li>The role of the LSC in this instance would create an additional and conflicting decision making entity in the charter school authorization process.</li> </ul>		Elizabeth Hernandez (D)	All charter schools in Chicago	Voted out of the House Ed. Cmtee
4	HB4527	Mandates charter school compliance with state and federal SPED and ELL laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unnecessary overreach, because charters serve SPED and ELL students, and are already held accountable.</li> <li>Ignores parent choice of English Immersion programs, which has a proven track record of ELL out-performing traditional CPS schools.</li> <li>Creates mandates on ELL curriculum causing some charters to fire up to 35% of our teachers (estimated 150 teachers), and hire up to 150 new certified bi-lingual teachers by the start of school year August 2014.</li> <li>The hiring of hundreds of new certified bi-lingual teachers by August is both unpractical and unreasonable—they simply don't exist in the hiring pool.</li> </ul>		Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	All charter schools in Illinois	Voted out of the full House  Slated for vote in Senate Ed Cmtee

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5	SB2627/H B3754	Eliminates the Illinois State Charter School Commission	Threatens to eliminate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.) the only independent, model charter authorizer in Illinois;</li> <li>• 2) four high performing charter schools currently authorized by the Commission; and</li> <li>• 3.) more high quality school options across the state.</li> <li>• It overturns a law that created the Commission that passed with overwhelming support by General Assembly in 2011.</li> </ul>	Kimberly Lightford (D)	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	All existing charter schools considering charter expansion  High quality national providers looking to open schools in IL  Commission authorized schools: -Prairie Crossing -Southland College Prep -Concept Schools (Belmont) (McKinley Park)	HB3754 voted out of the full House; now in Senate  SB2627 voted out of the Senate Subcommittee on charters
6	HB3745	Requires all charter high schools to establish vocational academies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a significant overstep on charter school autonomy by mandating that ALL charters MUST offer vocational academies, without funding</li> </ul>		LaShawn Ford (D)	All charter high schools	No Action Yet
7	SB2779/H B4237	Prohibits the Commission from hearing appeals on the merits of the charter application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter appeals would no longer be evaluated carefully on the merits, unless a district agrees to defer the application to the Commission (which has never happened before).</li> <li>• Consequently, high quality applications that are denied reflexively by districts would not get a fair hearing—stifling quality school options in Illinois</li> </ul>	Linda Holmes (D)	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	All existing charter schools considering charter expansion  High quality national providers looking to open schools in IL  Commission authorized schools: -Prairie Crossing -Southland College	HB4237 voted out of House Ed Cmtee  SB2779 voted out of the Senate Subcommittee on charters 3/25

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8	HB4655/SB3004	Applies sections of the School Code that pertain to student discipline policies to charter schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impedes a charter school's ability to implement innovative school discipline policies, positive behavior reinforcement systems, and cultural norms that lead to positive academic and life outcomes.</li> <li>• Unnecessary, because all charters must already implement a discipline policy approved by the authorizer.</li> </ul>	Kimberly Lightford (D)	Will Davis (D)	All charter schools in Chicago	<p>Voted out of the House Ed. Cmtee</p> <p>Voted out of the Senate Edu. Cmtee</p>
9	HB4591	Requires funding to follow charter students who transfer to district schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INCS supports funding following students to their school of choice, and recalibrating funding quarterly as students transfer in and out of public schools of all types. However, this bill assumes that charter school students in Illinois are funded at 100% of per capita student tuition, which is not true in most cases; charters tend to be funded well below that level.</li> <li>• This bill would essentially over-compensate district schools for transferring charter students, and does not include reciprocal language</li> </ul>		Rep. Martwick (D)	All charter schools in Illinois	Voted out of the House Ed. Cmtee

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10	HB 3937	Extends Moratorium on virtual charter schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the moratorium on the establishment of charter schools with virtual-schooling components in school districts other than the Chicago school district through December 31, 2017 (instead of through April 1, 2014).</li> <li>Instead of letting applications go through the application process with an authorizer, it unilaterally prevents any virtual charters from being considered.</li> </ul>		Rep. Chapa LaVia	All Future Virtual Charter Operators outside of Chicago	Voted out of the House Ed Cmtee
11	HB 5887	Creates restrictions on virtual school options for students	Pursuant to <a href="#">House Bill 494</a> , the Commission worked with a variety of stakeholders to create a report and recommendations to the General Assembly regarding virtual schooling in Illinois. All bills pertaining to virtual schools should be withheld until the report is considered.		Rep. Chapa LaVia (formerly Rep. Crespo)	All Future Virtual Charter Operators	Slated for a vote in House Ed. Cmtee