

OPPOSE HB 219, Charter School Omnibus

Part VII Will Funnel Millions from LEAs to Charters

Charter School Advocate Misconceptions	Fair Funding Facts
School districts receive a higher per-pupil share of local tax dollars than charter schools.	Local tax dollars are currently shared equally on a per-pupil basis between students enrolled in a local school district and students enrolled in a charter school.
HB 219 ensures that money follows the student.	The existing structure ensures local tax dollars follow the student to the school district or charter school they attend.
Charter schools are shortchanged by local school administrators. HB 219 will make funding fairness a reality for all public-school students.	The existing structure ensures fair and equitable spending. HB 219 creates an unfair funding advantage for charter school students. Part VII requires school districts to share additional categories of funds with charters even though charters can, and do, secure those same funds for themselves and keep 100% of the funds they receive. Part VII forces school districts to share funds intended for specific programs even if charters do not offer the program.

The impact of Part VII of HB 219 is outlined in the chart below, which includes just a few examples of funds school districts will be required to share with charter schools.

Additional Funding Categories	Local School Districts	Charter Schools
Fund balance	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their fund balance
Tuition (e.g., after-school care)	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their tuition revenue
Fees for actual costs	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their fees
Federal reimbursements	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their reimbursements
Gifts and grants	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their gifts and grants
Interest Income	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their interest income
Sales tax refunds	Must share % with charter schools	Keep 100% of their sales tax refunds
Pre-K funds	Must share % with charter schools	If program isn't offered, still get LEA \$

BOTTOM LINE

Local tax dollars are currently allocated equally between charter school students and local school district students. Tipping the scale to create an unfair public-school funding system is simply wrong. Our goal is to maintain equitable and fair funding for ALL public-school students.

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