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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 346

5 By: Senators G. Baker, Burnett  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *AN ACT TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF*  
9 *OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER*  
10 *PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

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14 *TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF*  
15 *OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.*  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-23-304(c)(1), concerning requirements for  
21 open-enrollment charter schools, is amended to read as follows:

22 (c)(1)(A) The Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the state  
23 board may grant no more than a total of twenty-four (24) charters for open-  
24 enrollment public charter schools except as provided under subdivision  
25 (c)(1)(B) of this section.

26 (B) If the cap on the number of charters available for an  
27 open-enrollment public charter school is within two (2) charters of meeting  
28 any existing limitation or cap on available open-enrollment charters, the  
29 number of available charters shall automatically increase by five (5) slots  
30 more than the most recent existing limitation or cap on open-enrollment  
31 charters.

32 (C) By March 1 each year, the department shall issue a  
33 commissioner's memo stating the existing limitation on the number of charters  
34 available for open-enrollment public charter schools and the number of  
35 charters available for open-enrollment public charter schools during the next  
36 application cycle.



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