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A Bill

SENATE BILL 346

5 By: Senators G. Baker, Burnett
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7 **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.*

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13 **Subtitle**

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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/s/G. Baker

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