State of Arkansas  
As Engrossed: S3/15/11  
A Bill  
SENATE BILL 346  

By: Senators G. Baker, Burnett  

For An Act To Be Entitled  
AN ACT TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF  
OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.  

Subtitle  
TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF  
OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.  

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-23-304(c)(1), concerning requirements for  
on-open enrollment charter schools, is amended to read as follows:  
(c)(1)(A) The Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the state  
board may grant no more than a total of twenty-four (24) charters for open-  
rollment public charter schools except as provided under subdivision  
(c)(1)(B) of this section.  
(B) If the cap on the number of charters available for an  
on-open enrollment public charter school is within two (2) charters of meeting  
any existing limitation or cap on available open-enrollment charters, the  
number of available charters shall automatically increase by five (5) slots  
more than the most recent existing limitation or cap on open-enrollment  
charters.  
(C) By March 1 each year, the department shall issue a  
commissioner’s memo stating the existing limitation on the number of charters  
available for open-enrollment public charter schools and the number of  
charters available for open-enrollment public charter schools during the next  
application cycle.