

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 324**

Short Title: Plan A for Charter Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saine, Boles, Yarborough, and Torbett (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 18, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE PLAN A INSTRUCTION TO  
THE SAME EXTENT AS LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, a charter school may provide in-person instruction under Plan A (Minimal Social Distancing) in accordance with the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) (Toolkit), as that guidance existed on March 4, 2021, to any grade level. A charter school that, in its discretion, provides in-person instruction under Plan A to students in grades six through 12 shall do all of the following:

- (1) Notify the Department of Health and Human Services and describe the charter school's plan for moving to Plan A for grades six through 12 before beginning Plan A instruction.
- (2) Partner with the ABC Science Collaborative of the School of Medicine at Duke University (ABC Collaborative) to allow the ABC Collaborative to collect and analyze data from those units for students in Plan A in grades six through 12.
- (3) Engage in robust contact tracing and report on requested information in the form specified by the ABC Collaborative.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

