

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Education Committee

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: June 2, 2025

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 1500 - Cyber Charter Reform**

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to oppose H.B. 1500, which your committee will consider today. H.B. 1500 would fundamentally change funding mechanisms and regulations on cyber charter schools in the Commonwealth.

The PA Chamber's member-driven, board-approved Education Policy Statement supports policies that "provide and strengthen competitive educational systems and programs, such as high-performing charter schools... that provide options for parents and students." Unfortunately, as presently constructed, H.B. 1500 could negatively impact hundreds of thousands of students attending charter schools in the Commonwealth.

Many charter schools provide a valuable option for students, often offering specialized programs and innovative teaching methods that cater to diverse learning needs. We have serious concerns with any proposal that would have the effect of limiting access to these unique educational opportunities.

We urge your opposition for now and encourage a collaborative process to consider cyber charter reform with all stakeholders. Please contact Aaron Riggleman at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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