

# The RISE Act

## S.2220 An Act Enhancing Reform, Innovation, and Success in Education

### Summary



- 1 Public school reform for 100% of students, at the same cost as the ballot initiative, which addresses only 4-8% of students.
- 2 Transparency on finances, contracts, policies, and board meetings for charter schools.
- 3 Eliminates cap on charter schools for students at risk, increases net spending on charters in underperforming districts.
- 4 Puts all children in lottery for charter admission.
- 5 Creates 10,000 additional charter school students.

### This bill was the product of collaborative effort between Senators



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This Legislation was passed on  
**April 7, 2016**

## STATUS



## Sent to House

The Senate also adopted an amendment to increase data reporting by DESE to include English language learners and special education students. Amendments were also adopted to encourage the usage of teachers' aides or other paraprofessionals to provide educational support, including but not limited to tutoring, instructional assistance and parental involvement activities in priority and underperforming schools.

# RESPONSE



“For the sake of all students, [the charter school ballot question] is a political battle that ought to be avoided. The Senate has passed the RISE Act (officially, An Act in Reform, Innovation and Success in Education) that addresses what should be everybody's goal: raising the quality of education in both charter and public schools, not choosing one at the expense of the other.”

- *Masslive, Editorial*

"The RISE Act includes some of the most powerful levers for closing the achievement gap the Commonwealth has seen in over a decade. We'll continue to fight for the needs of 100% of students-- the 96% in district schools, the 4% in charters, and no matter what waiting list you're on."

- *Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz*



# INFOGRAPHICS

## LIFTS THE CAP

For lowest-performing districts



Creating tens of thousands of new seats in innovative classrooms

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