

House Bill 21 clears Ohio House, Senate

Legislation requiring charter schools – rather than districts – to verify the resident school district of its students annually and upon enrollment has been approved by the Ohio House and Senate, and sent to the Governor.

Under the new law, charter schools must conduct monthly reviews of student residency records and adopt policies that prescribe the number of documents needed to initially verify a student's residency and the information needed for annual verification.

Districts are granted the right to review a charter school's residency records and enrollment verifications.

Additionally, contracts between sponsors and charter school boards must include policies regarding changes in residence and address verification.

Another key provision requires the Ohio Department of Education to post on its website the framework for the sponsor evaluation system and solicit public comment for 30 consecutive days.