

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Education  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Friday, August 24, 2012  
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Florence Shapiro

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Senator Dan Patrick will Chair this hearing on interim charges #5 and #6. The Committee will hear invited and public testimony.

**Senate Interim Charge 5:**

Study the performance and accountability of charter schools, best practices of high-performing charter schools, and barriers to replication. Review policies and practices for authorizing high-quality charters and closing poor-performing charters. Study the benefits of and costs related to increasing the number of charters, as well as establishing additional authorization boards to grant new charters.

**Senate Interim Charge 6:**

Study the impact of school choice programs in other states on students, parents, and teachers. Explore the use of education tax credits and taxpayer savings grants, and examine potential impacts on state funding.

**Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per person.**

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