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NACSA Applauds Indiana Move to Strengthen Charter Law to Ensure Quality

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Greg Richmond, president and CEO of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, today issued the following statement regarding Governor Michael Pence’s signature of revision to Indiana’s charter school law:

“Yesterday, Governor Michael Pence further demonstrated the State of Indiana’s drive to provide great educational options to children by signing into law reforms that will help to dramatically advance the oversight of public charter schools. By requiring the state’s authorizers to adopt nationally-accepted best practices, sanctioning those that don’t fulfill their end of the charter promise, and strengthening automatic closure for schools failing to adequately serve their students, Indiana has made it clear it is serious about getting charter schools right.”

Richmond continued, “I would also like to recognize the authorizers in the State of Indiana that supported this bill. Ball State University, the Indianapolis Mayor’s Office and the Indiana Charter School Board have demonstrated a commitment to fostering high-performing charter schools. Their work to open schools poised with the greatest chance for success and to close those schools not living up to their promise of a high-quality education will benefit Indiana’s children for decades to come.”

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) is committed to advancing excellence and accountability in the charter school sector and to increasing the number of high-quality charter schools across the nation. To accomplish this mission, NACSA works to improve the policies and practices of authorizers—the organizations designated to approve, monitor, renew, and, if necessary, close charter schools. NACSA provides training, consulting, and policy guidance to authorizers. It also advocates for laws and policies that raise the bar for excellence among authorizers and the schools they charter. In late 2012, NACSA launched its One Million Lives campaign to give one million more children the opportunity to attend a great school. Visit www.qualitycharters.org

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