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NACSA Applauds Alabama Vote to Approve Charter School Legislation

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) congratulates the Alabama General Assembly for passing Senate Bill 45 to become the most recent state to introduce charter schools as high-quality education options for its families.

NACSA commends the bill's focus on school and authorizer accountability, incorporating all of NACSA's recommended policies in those areas.

NACSA president and CEO Greg Richmond praised the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, the Alabama Coalition for Charter Schools, the Black Alliance for Educational Options, StudentsFirst, A+ Education Partnership, the Business Council of Alabama, and American Federation for Children for their hard work and dedication in passing the charter school legislation.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to attend a great school," Richmond stated. "Alabama's law contains best practices that will create new, high-quality school options that Alabama children need, as well as mechanisms for financial and organizational accountability that the public demands."

He concluded, "We strongly encourage Governor Bentley to sign this bill."

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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