

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**SENATE BILL 280**

Short Title: Central Park School Admissions Pilot Program. (Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Woodard (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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March 13, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CENTRAL PARK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN DURHAM  
2 COUNTY TO CONDUCT A WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS LOTTERY PILOT PROGRAM.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** The charter school Central Park School for Children in Durham County  
5 may establish a pilot program to expand the school's weighted lottery admission procedures for  
6 a period of up to four years. The pilot program shall preserve existing weighting factors but may  
7 add additional weighting factors that serve the goal of assisting educationally or economically  
8 disadvantaged students, including walk zones.

9 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218.7, an admissions lottery pilot program  
10 established under this act shall not be considered a material change of a school's charter.

11 **SECTION 3.** By June 15 of each year in which a pilot program established under  
12 this act is being designed or conducted, the Central Park School for Children shall report to the  
13 Charter Schools Advisory Board the following information:

- 14 (1) A description of the pilot weighted lottery procedures, including the weighted  
15 factors considered and how those factors further the goals of the weighted  
16 lottery system.  
17 (2) How the pilot procedure differed from the existing procedure.  
18 (3) The number of students that were admitted under the pilot program that would  
19 not have otherwise been admitted.  
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21 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to weighted  
22 lotteries conducted for the admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year.

