

August 24, 2018

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
100th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 5175 from the 100th General Assembly, which, per my veto message earlier this year, would eliminate an appeals process for certain denial or closure decisions affecting charter school applicants and operators.

This legislation was vetoed in February, 2018, and still represents bad public policy. The Charter School Commission remains a proper venue to appeal these decisions of local school boards before sending parties to court, and the Commission has a history of thoughtfully evaluating appeals to ensure that all Illinois children have access to a high-quality education.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 5175, entitled "AN ACT concerning education," with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR