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The Center for Education Reform ranked Michigan’s charter school law as fourth-best in the nation.

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More students in Detroit attend charter schools than traditional public schools in the city.

The last three U.S. presidents have all supported charter schools: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

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