

ACT No. 121

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HOUSE BILL NO. 562

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(3), relative to charter schools; to permit city, parish, and other local public school boards to assign students to charter schools under certain circumstances; to provide for such assignment to be based on parental preferences, charter school admission requirements and contracts, and local board policies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation

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B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:

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(3) Admission requirements, if any, that are consistent with the school's role, scope, and mission may be established pursuant to rules promulgated by the state board. Such admission requirements shall be specific and shall include a system for admission decisions which precludes exclusion of pupils based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level as ascertained by an intelligence quotient examination, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B). Such admission requirements may include, however, specific requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions for schools with a performing arts mission or proficiency in a foreign language for schools with a language immersion mission. Any school which was chartered prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated achievement of a certain academic record as part of its

1 admission requirements may continue to ~~utilize~~ use such admission requirements.

2 No local board shall assign any pupil to attend a charter school, except that a local

3 board in a district in which fifty percent or more of the public schools in the district

4 are charter schools and that uses a single application and enrollment process adopted

5 by the local board for public school enrollment may assign a pupil to a charter school

6 based on such enrollment process, the preferences of the pupil's parent or legal

7 guardian, the charter school's admission requirements, the charter contract, and the

8 local board's policies.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____