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SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to student enrollment at charter schools

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i), relative to required student population 3 characteristics at charter schools; to provide relative to the number of economically 4 disadvantaged students and students with exceptionalities a charter school is required 5 to enroll; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as 8 follows: 9 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation; 10 board membership 11 12 B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following: 13 (1)(a)(i) That for charter schools created as new schools and charter schools 14 created as a result of a conversion after the 2011-2012 school year, the percentage 15 of the total number of students enrolled in the charter school based on the October 16 first student membership who are economically disadvantaged and students with 17 exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented, shall 18 be equal to not less than eighty-five percent of the average percentage of students 19 enrolled in the local public school districts in the parish or parishes from which the 20 charter school enrolls its students who are economically disadvantaged and shall be

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equal to not less than eighty-five percent of the average percentage of students enrolled in the local public school districts in the parish or parishes from which the charter school enrolls its students who have been identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented. For the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of this Section, the economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities percentage for the local public school district parish or parishes shall remain fixed during the term of the approved charter at the percentage which existed during the school year that the charter proposal was approved or renewed.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to certain required characteristics of student populations at charter schools.

<u>Present law</u> provides relative to the chartering, regulation, governance, and operation of charter schools.

<u>Present law</u> generally requires a charter school to enroll a certain number of economically disadvantaged students and to enroll a certain number of students with an exceptionality other than being gifted or talented. Specifically, a charter school is required to enroll such students so that the percentage of such students in the school is 85% of the percentage of such students in the school district or districts from which the charter school enrolls its students.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except to provide that the populations of such students in the school shall be 85% of the populations of such students in the *parish or parishes* from which the school enrolls students, rather than of the school district or districts.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i))