

SENATE BILL NO. 145

BY SENATOR TALBOT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and the introductory paragraph of 3991.1(C) and to enact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5), relative to charter schools; to provide that certain charter proposals may be made directly to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and the introductory paragraph of 3991.1(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental approval

A. \* \* \*

(2)(a)(i) Each proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school shall first be made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is to be located, except as provided for in Item (ii) ~~or~~ (iii), or (iv) of this Subparagraph, by submitting a written proposal. If, after review as required by R.S. 17:3982, the local school board denies the proposal, or if conditions placed on the proposal by the local school board, as provided in Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section, are not acceptable to the chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the state board.

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(iv) A proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner, as provided in R.S. 17:3991.1, may be made first to the state board as a Type 2 charter school.

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1 §3991.1. Corporate partners; enrollment preferences and board membership

2 A. The legislature finds and declares that:

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4 **(5) Encouraging and enhancing partnerships between state and federal**  
5 **government partners, which provide for public health and safety, defense, and**  
6 **critical infrastructure, and the state's public education system is to the benefit**  
7 **of the state and its students.**

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9 C. For purposes of this Section, a corporate partner is any legal entity,  
10 whether for profit or not for profit, registered with the secretary of state, except a  
11 corporation identified in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3), **a regional airport, or any federal**  
12 **or state entity or agency, including a public postsecondary education institution,**  
13 that has, acting individually or as part of a consortium of corporations, donated **or**  
14 **provided** one or more of the following to the school:

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_