SLS 23RS-53

ORIGINAL

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 25

BY SENATOR BOUIE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to certain schools returned from the Recovery School District. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $17:10.7.1(G)(1)$ and (2), relative to the return of certain schools
3	from the Recovery School District; to provide relative to charter school contracts;
4	to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the local school board and the charter
5	school acting as its own local education agency; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:10.7.1(G)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8	as follows:
9	§10.7.1. Return of certain schools from the Recovery School District to the
10	transferring school system; timeline; conditions; funding
11	* * *
12	G. In order to ensure the appropriate level of autonomy to enable educators
13	to successfully prepare students for success in college and career:
14	(1) Unless mutually agreed to by both the charter school's governing
15	authority and the local school board pursuant to a duly authorized resolution adopted
16	by each governing entity, the local school board shall not impede the operational
17	autonomy of The local school board may grant operational autonomy to a charter

Page 1 of 3 Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1	school under its jurisdiction in the areas of school programming, instruction,
2	curriculum, materials and texts, yearly school calendars and daily schedules, hiring
3	and firing of personnel, employee performance management and evaluation, terms
4	and conditions of employment, teacher or administrator certification, salaries and
5	benefits, retirement, collective bargaining, budgeting, purchasing, procurement, and
6	contracting for services other than capital repairs and facilities construction. The
7	areas of operational autonomy granted to the charter school's governing
8	authority by the local school board shall be defined in the charter school's
9	contract. The local school board shall not impede any operational autonomy
10	granted in the charter school's contract.
11	(2) Each Type 3B charter school and, with With the approval of the local
12	school board, any other type of charter school under the board's jurisdiction may act
13	as its own local educational agency for one or more funding purposes or statutory
14	definitions, in accordance with R.S. 17:3995, and rules adopted by the State Board

- 15 of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- 16 * *

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

SB 25 Original

DIGEST 2023 Regular Session

Bouie

<u>Present law</u> provides for the return of schools that were in academic crisis from the Recovery School District to the transferring school system. Provides the process by which the schools shall be returned and the powers and duties of such schools and the local school board.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits the local school board from impeding the operational autonomy of charter schools and lists areas of operational autonomy.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the local school board to grant operational autonomy to each charter school through the charter contract. Further clarifies the local school board shall not impede

Page 2 of 3

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

the operational autonomy granted in the charter school's contract.

<u>Present law</u> allows a Type 3B charter school to act as its own local education agency. Further requires approval by the local school board for any charter school other than a Type 3B to act as its own local education agency.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires approval by the local school board before any charter school, including Type 3B, may act as its own local educational agency.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.7.1(G)(1) and (2))