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SENATE BILL NO. 36

BY SENATOR BROWN

SCHOOLS. Requires notification to certain elected officials regarding submission and status of certain charter school applications. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3983.1, relative to charter schools; to require a chartering group to notify
3 certain legislators upon submission of an initial charter school proposal or
4 application; to specify the information to be included in such notification; to require
5 additional notification regarding the disposition of such submission; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3983.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§3983.1. Initial charter school proposals and applications; notification to state**
10 **legislators**

11 **A.(1) At the time a chartering group submits its initial proposal or**
12 **application to operate a charter school to the appropriate chartering authority**
13 **pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, the chartering group shall notify**
14 **each state senator and state representative in whose district the charter school**
15 **is to be located, by certified mail, that such proposal or application has been**
16 **submitted. Such notification shall also include the date the proposal or**
17 **application was submitted, the chartering authority to which the proposal or**

1 application was submitted, the type of charter school the chartering group seeks
2 to operate, and the location of the proposed charter school.

3 (2) The chartering group shall also notify each state senator and state
4 representative in whose district the charter school is to be located, by certified
5 mail, whether its proposal or application to operate a charter school was
6 approved or denied.

7 B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to renewals of the
8 charter of an existing charter school.

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
13 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 Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires a chartering group seeking to operate a charter school to notify each state senator and state representative in whose district the proposed charter school is to be located at the time the initial charter school proposal or application is submitted to the appropriate chartering authority. Further provides that such notification be made by certified mail and include the date the proposal or application was submitted, the chartering authority to which the proposal or application was submitted, the type of charter school the chartering group seeks to operate, and the location of the proposed charter school.

Proposed law additionally requires the chartering group to notify each state senator and state representative in whose district the proposed charter school is to be located, by certified mail, whether such proposal or application was accepted or denied.

Proposed law provides that proposed law does not apply to renewals of the charter of an existing charter school.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3983.1)