

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(c) and (e), relative to charter schools; to allow a chartering authority to alter the time period within which a charter school must begin operation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(c) and (e) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

A.

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(c) A charter school shall begin operation by not later than twenty-four months after the final approval of the charter, unless such charter school is engaged in desegregation compliance issues and therefore must begin operation by not later than thirty-six months. **However, upon request, the chartering authority may extend the time period within which any charter school must begin operation.**

If such operation does not occur, the charter for that school shall be automatically revoked although a new charter may be proposed ~~if the limit on the total number of charter schools allowed in the state has not been reached.~~

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