

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 47

BY SENATOR TALBOT

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to charter schools, the chartering process by types and corporate partnerships. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and 3991.1(C) and to enact R.S.
3 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5), relative to charter schools; to provide for
4 chartering process by type; to provide for proposals for a charter school with a
5 corporate partner; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental
10 approval

11 A.(1) * * *

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

1 the chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the
2 state board.

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

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8 §3991.1. Corporate partners; enrollment preferences and board membership

9 A. The legislature finds and declares that:

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

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16 C. For purposes of this Section, **except for a corporation identified in R.S.**
17 **18:1505.2(L)(3),** a corporate partner is any legal entity, whether for profit or not for
18 profit, registered with the secretary of state, ~~except a corporation identified in R.S.~~
19 ~~18:1505.2(L)(3),~~ **a regional airport, or any federal or state entity or agency,**
20 **including a public postsecondary education institution,** that has, acting
21 individually or as part of a consortium of corporations, donated **or provided** one or
22 more of the following to the school:

23 * * *

24 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
26 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
27 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
28 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 Mary Frances Aucoin.

DIGEST

SB 47 Engrossed

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Present law (R.S. 17:3983) provides that a proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school must be first made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is to be located, with exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that one such exception states a proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner may be made first to the state board as a Type 2 charter school.

Proposed law provides for encouraging and enhancing partnerships between state and federal government partners, which provide for public health and safety, defense, and critical infrastructure, and the state's public education system is to the benefit of the state and its students.

Present law (R.S. 17:3991.1) provides that a corporate partner is any legal entity, whether for profit or not for profit, registered with the secretary of state, that has, acting individually or as a part of a consortium of corporations, donated one of the listed items included in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that a corporate partner is a regional airport or any federal or state entity or agency, including a public postsecondary education institution.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and 3991.1(C); adds R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5))