

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATOR MORRELL

SCHOOLS. Creates a charter school enrollment preference for neighborhood students. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(d), relative to charter schools; to require each charter school to establish an enrollment preference for students residing in the immediate neighborhood surrounding the school; to provide relative to the determination of the geographic boundaries of each such neighborhood; to require that the enrollment of each charter school be composed of a certain percentage of students residing in the immediate neighborhood of the school; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. 17:3991(B)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation

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B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:

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(4)(a) A description of the jurisdiction within which a pupil shall reside or otherwise be eligible to attend a public school in order to be eligible for admission.

from which students residing within will be given preference for enrollment.

Proposed law requires each charter school to give preference in its enrollment procedures to students residing within the neighborhood immediately surrounding the school, the geographic boundaries of which shall be determined by the school's chartering authority.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, at least 30% of the total enrollment of each charter school shall be composed of students who reside in the neighborhood immediately surrounding the school. Further provides that this requirement may be phased in over time, but shall be accomplished as quickly as practicable and as the continuing enrollment characteristics of the school and the pool of applicants from the surrounding neighborhood allow.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(4); adds R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(d))