## SLS 10RS-430

## **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATOR MORRELL

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

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(d), relative to
3	charter schools; to require each charter school to establish an enrollment preference
4	for students residing in the immediate neighborhood surrounding the school; to
5	provide relative to the determination of the geographic boundaries of each such
6	neighborhood; to require that the enrollment of each charter school be composed of
7	a certain percentage of students residing in the immediate neighborhood of the
8	school; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. 17:3991(B)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11	17:3991(C)(1)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation
13	* * *
14	B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:
15	* * *
16	(4)(a) A description of the jurisdiction within which a pupil shall reside or
17	otherwise be eligible to attend a public school in order to be eligible for admission.

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1	(b) A description of the geographic boundaries circumscribing the
2	neighborhood immediately surrounding the charter school from which students
3	residing within will be given preference for enrollment as provided in
4	Subsection C of this Section.
5	* * *
6	C. A charter school shall:
7	(1)
8	* * *
9	(d)(i) Each charter school shall give preference in its enrollment
10	procedures to students residing within the neighborhood immediately
11	surrounding the school, the geographic boundaries of which shall be determined
12	by the school's chartering authority.
13	(ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning with the
14	2010-2011 school year, at least thirty percent of the total enrollment of each
15	charter school shall be composed of students who reside in the neighborhood
16	immediately surrounding the school. This requirement may be phased in over
17	time, but shall be accomplished as quickly as practicable and as the continuing
18	enrollment characteristics of the school and the pool of applicants from the
19	surrounding neighborhood allow.
20	* * *
21	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
23	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
24	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
25	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

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each proposed charter to include a description of the geographic boundaries circumscribing the neighborhood immediately surrounding the charter school

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<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))