

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prepare and publish a fiscal impact study that analyzes the impact each proposed Type 2 charter school would have on the local school district, prior to granting a Type 2 charter.

WHEREAS, Type 2 charter schools draw students and funding from local school districts; and

WHEREAS, local school boards take their responsibility to provide an education that is in the best interest of all students seriously; and

WHEREAS, local school boards are ultimately responsible for both locally generated revenue and state funds appropriated to local school systems; and

WHEREAS, before an organization may submit a proposal for a Type 2 charter to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the local school district must have either denied or placed unacceptable conditions on the organization's proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school; and

WHEREAS, any action regarding a Type 1 or Type 3 charter proposal made by the local school board is made only after a thorough and transparent review process, as prescribed in R.S. 17:3983, which includes hiring an independent evaluator to review the application and make recommendations to the local board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prepare and publish a fiscal impact study that analyzes the impact each proposed Type 2 charter school would have on the local school district, prior to granting a Type 2 charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education allow interested groups and individuals to provide written information and to present information and testimony on the fiscal impact study at a scheduled public meeting of the state board, prior to making any determination on a proposal for a Type 2 charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE