

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 497 (SB 260)**

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**Morrish**

Prior law defined a "chartering authority", relative to the establishment of charter schools, as a local school board, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), or a "local charter authorizer". Defined a "local charter authorizer" as a group certified by BESE to enter into agreements with chartering groups. Authorized any chartering authority to enter into any charter it finds valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound.

New law eliminates local charter authorizers from the definition of "chartering authority" and removes the authority of local charter authorizers to enter into charters, thus providing that only local school boards and BESE have this authority.

Prior law defined seven types of charter schools and provides a chartering process for each type. Defined a Type 1B charter school as a new school or a preexisting public school operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between the nonprofit corporation created to operate the school and a local charter authorizer. New law eliminates Type 1B charter schools as a type of charter school in conformity with elimination of local charter authorizers.

Prior law provided for BESE's powers and duties relative to local charter authorizers, including certifying them as such, and for the powers and duties of local charter authorizers, including approving or denying charter proposals. New law repeals prior law and removes all other statutory references to local charter authorizers and Type 1B charter schools. Otherwise retains prior law relative to charter schools.

New law provides that should BESE certify any local charter authorizer, such certification is null and void.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 14, 2016).

(Amends R.S. 17:3973(2)(a) and (3), 3982(B)(1) and (2)(a), 3983(A)(4)(a) and (d) and (B)(2), 3991(H), 3995(A)(1)(intro para) and (c), (3)(b), and (4)(a)(i) and (H), 3996(G), and 4001(A) and (C)(1) and (2); repeals R.S. 17:3973(2)(b)(vi) and (4), 3974(A), 3981.1, 3981.2, and 3983(A)(2)(d), (D)(2), and (E)(3))