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## DIGEST

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HB 242 Engrossed

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Emerson

**Abstract:** Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and local public school boards to send to charter applicants certain information relative to third-party evaluations of charter proposals.

Present law requires BESE and local public school boards to review each charter school proposal submitted in a timely manner and to determine whether each proposed charter complies with the law and rules and whether the proposal is valid, complete, financially well-structured, educationally sound, provides for a master plan for improving behavior and discipline, provides a plan for collecting data, and offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of present law relative to charter schools generally. Requires that the review process comply with the specified national principles and standards.

Present law requires an independent evaluation of the charter proposal by a third party with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise.

Proposed law adds a requirement that BESE and local school boards send to charter applicants the final evaluation and recommendations, if any, of the third-party evaluator. Requires that such information is sent electronically or hand delivered no later than five business days prior to the meeting at which the board will take action on the charter proposal. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3981(4) and 3982(A)(1)(a)(i))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require BESE and local school boards to send the third-party evaluations and recommendations to the charter applicant by electronic means or hand delivery instead of posting such information on their respective websites.