

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 292

BY SENATOR BARROW

SCHOOLS. Prohibits a chartering authority from approving or renewing charters until the legislative auditor conducts certain performance audits. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 17:3982.1, relative to charter schools; to provide for the suspension and
3 reinstatement of chartering authority; to provide for certain performance audits
4 conducted by the legislative auditor; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3982.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§3982.1. Suspension of chartering authority; legislative auditor review**
8 **After July 1, 2018, a chartering authority shall not authorize a new**
9 **charter or renew an existing charter until the legislative auditor has conducted**
10 **a performance audit of each charter school approved by the chartering**
11 **authority and has determined that the school is in substantial compliance with**
12 **the provisions of this Chapter, including R.S. 17:3972.**

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 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 Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for charter schools and provides chartering authority to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and local school boards.

Proposed law prohibits BESE and local school boards from authorizing a new charter or renewing an existing charter after July 1, 2018, until the legislative auditor has conducted a performance audit of each charter school approved by the chartering authority and has determined each school is in substantial compliance with present law.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3982.1)