

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 562

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Permits local public school boards to assign students to charter schools under certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(3), relative to charter schools; to permit city, parish,
3 and other local public school boards to assign students to charter schools under
4 certain circumstances; to provide for such assignment to be based on parental
5 preferences, charter school admission requirements and contracts, and local board
6 policies; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation

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11 B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:

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13 (3) Admission requirements, if any, that are consistent with the school's role,
14 scope, and mission may be established pursuant to rules promulgated by the state
15 board. Such admission requirements shall be specific and shall include a system for
16 admission decisions which precludes exclusion of pupils based on race, religion,
17 gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level as ascertained by an intelligence
18 quotient examination, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined
19 in R.S. 17:1942(B). Such admission requirements may include, however, specific
20 requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions for schools with a

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Exempt a local school board in a district in which 50% or more of the public schools are charter schools, instead of a district with one or more charter schools, from present law prohibition on assignment of pupils to charter schools.
2. Add that the assignment of pupils to charter schools in such a district may be based on the charter school admission requirements and contract and the local school board policies.