
DIGEST

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HB 562 Engrossed

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Abstract: Permits a local public school board in a district in which a majority of schools are charter schools and that uses a single application and enrollment process to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of a student's parent or legal guardian, charter school admission requirements and contracts, and local school board policies.

Present law provides relative to charter school requirements, limitations, and prohibitions. Requires that charter school admission requirements be consistent with the school's role, scope, and mission. Requires that the admission requirements include a system for admission decisions which precludes exclusion of students based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in present law. Provides that such requirements may include specific requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions or proficiency in a foreign language. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits local school boards from assigning students to attend a charter school. Proposed law exempts from this prohibition a local public school board in a district in which 50% or more of the public schools are charter schools and the district uses a single application and enrollment process for public school enrollment. Allows such a board to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of the parents, the charter school's admission requirements and contract, and local school board policies.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(3))

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.