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HB 1079 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a charter school to give enrollment preference to certain students.

Present law requires a charter school to enroll an eligible pupil who is eligible under the residency requirements established in the charter as required in present law and who submits a timely application unless the total number of eligible applicants exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school, in which case the charter school shall conduct an admissions lottery as provided in present law.

Present law authorizes a charter school to give enrollment preference to certain potential students, including the following:

- (1) Students residing in the neighborhood immediately surrounding the charter school.
- (2) Siblings of current and former students at the charter school.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law further authorizes a charter school to give enrollment preference to the following categories of students:

- (1) A student entering kindergarten who attended a licensed early learning center operated by the charter school or a licensed early learning center not operated by the charter school, if the student attended the center for at least 75 days and the charter school and the center have an enrollment articulation agreement.
- (2) A student who has a parent in active military service.
- (3) A student who is in foster care.
- (4) A student who is under a custody agreement.

Proposed law excludes a charter school from the authorization to provide such enrollment preferences if the school is in a school district where the majority of schools were transferred from the local district to the Recovery School District.

(Adds R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(c)(vii))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorize a charter school to give enrollment preference to children in military families, children in foster care, and children in a custody agreement.
2. Exclude a charter school in a school district where the majority of schools were transferred from a local school district to the Recovery School District from the authorization to provide proposed law enrollment preferences.