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ORIGINAL

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 95

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to virtual charter schools. (gov sig)

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To enact Part III-A of Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to |
| 3 | be comprised of R.S. 17:3985, relative to charter schools; to provide for definitions; |
| 4 | to provide relative to the student membership count and the funding of virtual charter |
| 5 | schools; and to provide for related matters. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 7 | Section 1. Part III-A of Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of |
| 8 | 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3985, is hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 9 | PART III-A. VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS |
| 10 | §3985. Virtual charter schools; definition; student membership count; funding |
| 11 | A. As used in this Chapter, "virtual charter school" means a Type 2 |
| 12 | charter school through which instruction is conducted primarily through the |
| 13 | internet and at which physical daily attendance of students is not required. |
| 14 | B.(1) The student membership count of a virtual charter school shall |
| 15 | include only students who are enrolled in at least three courses each semester |
| 16 | that provide for Carnegie unit credits. |
| 17 | (2) The student membership count of a virtual charter school shall not |

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| 2 | (a) A student who was included in the school's student membership count |
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| 3 | for the prior year but who failed to earn at least six Carnegie unit credits by the |
| 4 | end of the academic year. |
| 5 | (b) A student who is included in the most recent student membership |
| 6 | count of a local school district. |
| 7 | C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the per pupil amount |
| 8 | provided to a virtual charter school shall be computed annually and shall be |
| 9 | equal to seventy percent of the per pupil allocation as provided in R.S. |
| 10 | <u>17:3995(A).</u> |
| 11 | Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not |
| 12 | signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature |
| 13 | by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If |
| 14 | vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become |
| 15 | effective on the day following such approval. |
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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 the Charter Schools Demonstration Program which provides definitions related to charter schools; state chartering authority; procedures and requirements related to the chartering process, charter contents, and the operation of charter schools.

Present law provides that the per pupil amount allocated to charter schools shall be computed annually and shall be equal to the per pupil amount provided through the minimum foundation program formula, determined by allocation weights in the formula based upon student characteristics or needs, received by the school district in which the student resides.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines "virtual charter school" as a Type 2 charter school through which instruction is conducted primarily through the internet and at which physical daily attendance of students is not required.

Proposed law provides that the student membership count of a virtual charter school shall include only students who are enrolled each semester in at least three courses that provide for Carnegie unit credits.

Proposed law further provides the student membership count of a virtual charter school shall not include:

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- (1) A student who was included in the school's membership count for the prior year but who failed to earn at least six Carnegie unit credits by the end of the academic year.
- (2) A student who is included in the most recent student membership count of a local school district.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the per pupil amount provided to a virtual charter school shall be computed annually and shall be equal to seventy percent of the per pupil allocation provided to charter schools as provided in <u>present law</u>.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3985)