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HOUSE BILL NO. 451

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SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to consider the potential fiscal impact on the local school system when reviewing a Type 2 charter school proposal

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(3)(c), relative to charter schools; to require the State
3	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to consider the fiscal impact on the
4	local district in its review of a Type 2 charter school proposal; to require the state
5	board to refer the proposal to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(3)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9	follows:
10	§3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental
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16	(c)(i) Each proposal received by the state board shall be carefully reviewed
17	and shall be approved only after there has been a specific determination by the board
18	that the proposed school will be operated in compliance with all applicable state and
19	federal laws, rules, and regulations, that the accounting and financial practices to be

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used are sound and in accordance with generally accepted standards for similar entities, and that the educational program to be offered will comply with all requirements of this Chapter and be based on generally accepted education research findings applicable to the pupils to be served, including but not limited to school discipline practices and policies that incorporate positive behavior interventions and supports, restorative justice, and other research-based discipline practices and classroom management strategies and otherwise conform to the model master discipline plan required in accordance with R.S. 17:252.

(ii) Additionally, the state board shall consider the potential fiscal impact on the school district in which the proposed charter school is to be located and shall refer the proposal to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council for a recommendation as to the potential of a negative fiscal impact.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to consider the potential fiscal impact on the local school system when reviewing a Type 2 charter school proposal and refer the proposal to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council.

<u>Present law</u> provides for various types of charter schools and a chartering process for each. Provides that a Type 2 charter school is a new school or preexisting public school converted and operated according to a charter between a nonprofit corporation and BESE.

<u>Present law</u>, when a Type 2 charter school is proposed, requires BESE to notify the local school board and that the local board and others shall be allowed to provide written information regarding the proposal and present information at a BESE meeting prior to any determination being made by BESE. Provides standards to be used in evaluating the proposed school.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that BESE shall consider the potential fiscal impact on the school district in which the proposed charter school is to be located and shall refer the proposal to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council for a recommendation as to the potential of a negative fiscal impact.

(Amends R.S. 17:3983(A)(3)(c))