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## DIGEST

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HB No. 124

**Abstract:** Provides relative to employment eligibility requirements for teachers in charter schools.

Present law provides requirements with respect to charter schools.

Present law requires charter schools to employ instructional staff who have at least a baccalaureate degree and who shall be subject to all provisions of state law relative to background checks applicable to the employment of public school personnel.

Proposed law requires charter schools to employ only persons who hold valid teaching certificates issued by the state Dept. of Education as teachers; however, if there is no applicant who meets the requirements of proposed law, the charter school may employ a teacher who has at least a baccalaureate degree.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(C)(6); Adds R.S. 17:3996(B)(34))