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## DIGEST

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Pierre

HB No. 1208

**Abstract:** Requires that students attending charter schools be provided free transportation in certain parishes.

Present law provides with respect to charter schools. Further authorizes a charter school to negotiate with the local school board in whose jurisdiction it is located for use of facilities for the operation and maintenance thereof, for public transportation, and for other support services provided to other public schools in the system.

Present law requires that, notwithstanding the provisions of present law (R.S. 17:158(A)), if the local school board is requested to provide transportation services to a charter school, the charter school receiving the transportation services shall reimburse the local school board for the actual cost of providing transportation unless an amount less than actual cost is agreed upon by both parties.

Proposed law provides that in any parish with a population in excess of 195,000 and less than 225,000, free transportation shall be provided to students attending charter schools in the parish. Otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:3991(D)(3))