

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to the funding of Type 2 charter schools located in Lafayette Parish and schools under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Parish School System with regard to the local taxation measures approved by the voters.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for Type 2 public charter schools to be authorized by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3981 provides that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education "shall enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines is a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter"; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 public charter schools are funded in accordance with R.S. 17:3995 and the Minimum Foundation Program formula and are entitled to an equitable per pupil allocation from such formula; and

WHEREAS, city, parish, and other local public school boards are authorized to receive locally generated revenues through taxation measures approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Lafayette Parish have approved measures to dedicate revenues to public schools; and

WHEREAS, schools under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Parish School System and state-authorized Type 2 charter schools are public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to the funding of Type 2 charter schools located in Lafayette Parish and schools under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Parish School System with regard to the local taxation measures approved by the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such study shall consider and make recommendations relative to the impact of dedicated local revenues on the equitable funding of all public schools located within Lafayette Parish and that a report be submitted to the Senate Committee on Education no later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2015 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state superintendent of education, the president of the Lafayette Parish School Board, and the superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE