

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 714

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to charter schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3981(2) and to enact R.S. 17:3995(K), relative to charter
3 schools; to prohibit the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from
4 entering into proposed charters for two years; to require Type 5 charter schools
5 located in certain public school systems to pay a proportional share of the retiree
6 health care costs, including any legacy costs, of the public school system; to require
7 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules relative
8 to such payments; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3981(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3995(K)
11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §3981. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; powers and duties
13 relative to charter schools

14 The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

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16 (2) Enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and the
17 rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines is
18 a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that
19 offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter. However, for the 2015-

payment by each Type 5 charter school to the city, parish, or other local public school system. Requires BESE to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for implementation of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3981(2); Adds R.S. 17:3995(K))