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Abstract: Prohibits BESE from entering into charters for two years and requires Type 5 charter schools located in certain school systems to pay a proportional share of the retiree health care costs, including any legacy costs, of the public school system.

Present law (R.S. 17:3981) provides that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall enter into any proposed charter that complies with present law and the rules adopted pursuant to the authority in present law that the board determines is a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of present law. Proposed law prohibits the board from entering into any such charters for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

Present law (R.S. 17:3995) provides relative to funding for charter schools. Proposed law adds that notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or policy to the contrary, in any city, parish, or other local public school system where three or more Type 5 charter schools (Recovery School District schools) are located, such charter schools shall pay a proportional share of the retiree health care costs, including any legacy costs, of the public school system. Requires BESE to determine the amount to be paid annually and the method for making such 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))