

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 940****2022 Regular Session****Freiberg**

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to student enrollment at charter schools

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Add requirement that local public school boards retain certain revenues if students enroll in a charter school with a lower letter grade than the local public school they would otherwise attend.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires a charter school to meet a certain threshold with respect to the number of students with exceptionalities (other than gifted or talented) and economically disadvantaged students relative to its total student enrollment. Present law ties this percentage to the percentage of such students enrolled in the local public school district(s) from which the school enrolls its students; specifically, the total number of students enrolled in the charter school who are economically disadvantaged and students with exceptionalities must be at least 85% of the average percentage of these students enrolled in such district(s).

Proposed law retains present law except, instead of tying this requirement to the enrollment of the local public school district(s) from which the charter school enrolls its students, it ties the enrollment threshold for these students at the school to the percentage of students who reside within the geographic boundaries from which the school is authorized to enroll students.

Proposed law provides that for any such student who enrolls in a charter school that was assigned a letter grade pursuant to the present law accountability system that is below the letter grade of the local public school he would otherwise attend, the local revenues provided pursuant to present law shall be retained by that local public school's school board.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i))