

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 550****2022 Regular Session****Emerson**

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to learning pods established by Type 2 charter schools

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Authorizes only Type 2 charter schools, instead of all charter schools, that establish learning pods to choose the locations of such pods.
2. Prohibits the location of a learning pod established by a Type 2 charter school in a district that received a letter grade of an "A" or "B" for the most recent year.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 17:3996), relative to charter schools, provides for the chartering and approval process.

Present law (R.S. 17:3973), defines a "Type 2 charter school" as a new school or a preexisting public school converted and operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between the nonprofit corporation created to operate the school and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Present law (R.S. 17:4036.1) authorizes each public school governing authority to establish learning pods as an extension of a school under its jurisdiction. Defines "learning pod" as a group of at least 10 students enrolled in the school who receive instruction in a small group setting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes governing authorities of Type 2 charter schools to establish learning pods subject to the following:

- (1) Authorizes choice of location of learning pod site; however, prohibits pods located in a school district that received a letter grade of an "A" or "B" during the previous school year pursuant to present law (R.S. 17:10.1).
- (2) Requires notification to charter authorizer within 30 days of establishment of learning pod.

(Adds R.S. 17:3996(I))