

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides:

- (1) Each Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, Type 3B charter school not acting as its own local education agency (LEA), and Type 4 charter school is considered an approved public school of the local board for the purpose of funding.
- (2) Each Type 2 or 5 charter school is considered the LEA for funding purposes and statutory definitions pursuant to rules adopted by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

New law authorizes, with the approval of the local school board, a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, or Type 3B charter school to be considered the LEA for federal funding purposes and statutory definitions in accordance with rules adopted by the local school board.

New law requires BESE to adopt rules regarding each Type 1, 3, and 3B charter school that serves as its own LEA that do the following:

- (1) Delineate the financial and programmatic obligations of the school related to the receipt of federal funds.
- (2) Authorize the state superintendent of education to rescind a school's authority to act as its own LEA if it fails to meet obligations pursuant to (1) above.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(intro. para.) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and (I))