

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR MORRELL

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

SCHOOLS. Provides for the creation of community advisory boards for schools in the Recovery School District. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1990(I) and (J), relative to the Recovery School District; to provide for the

3 creation of community advisory boards for schools within the district; to provide

4 relative to the membership, duties, and functions of such boards; to prohibit the State

5 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from approving a charter school

6 within the district for which there is not more than one applicant; and to provide for

7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:1990(I) and (J) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1990. Recovery School District; creation; governance; operation

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12 **I. (1) A community advisory board shall be established for each school**

13 **within the Recovery School District, composed of seven members as follows:**

14 **(a) One member appointed by the state senator in whose district the**

15 **school is located.**

16 **(b) One member appointed by the state representative in whose district**

17 **the school is located.**

1 (c) One member appointed by the elected head of the governing
2 authority of the parish in which the school is located.

3 (d) One member appointed by the elected member of the parish
4 governing authority in whose district the school is located.

5 (e) One member appointed by the member of the city, parish, or other
6 local public school board in whose district the school is located.

7 (f) One member appointed by the member of the State Board of
8 Elementary and Secondary Education in whose district the school is located.

9 (g) One member appointed by the president of the State Board of
10 Elementary and Secondary Education, in the case of a school directly operated
11 by the Recovery School District, or, in the case of a charter school, the school's
12 chartering authority.

13 (2) A community advisory board shall be established for each school
14 directly operated by the Recovery School District, not later than August 15,
15 2011.

16 (3) A community advisory board shall be established for each new
17 charter school created within the Recovery School District at the time such
18 school is created, and provision for a community advisory board as provided in
19 this Subsection shall be made a part of the charter agreement.

20 (4) A community advisory board shall be established for each existing
21 charter school within the Recovery School District at the time such school's
22 charter is up for renewal, and provision for a community advisory board as
23 provided in this Subsection shall be made a part of the school's charter upon
24 renewal.

25 (5) Prior to taking action to convert a school directly operated by the
26 Recovery School District to a charter school, or to authorize the creation of a
27 new charter school within the Recovery School District, the State Board of
28 Elementary and Secondary Education shall consult with such school's
29 community advisory board when selecting a charter operator for the school.

1 **(6) The Recovery School District shall consult with a school's community**
 2 **advisory board prior to establishing the location of a new school site, planning**
 3 **the construction of a new school, constructing a new school building, or moving**
 4 **a school into a new school building.**

5 **J. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not**
 6 **approve the conversion of an existing school directly operated by the Recovery**
 7 **School District to a charter school, or the creation of a new charter school**
 8 **within the Recovery School District, for which there is not more than one**
 9 **applicant to operate such school.**

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 14 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides for the establishment of a community advisory board for each school
 within the Recovery School District (RSD), composed of seven members as follows:

1. One member appointed by the state senator in whose district the school is located.
2. One member appointed by the state representative in whose district the school is located.
3. One member appointed by the elected head of the governing authority of the parish in which the school is located.
4. One member appointed by the elected member of the parish governing authority in whose district the school is located.
5. One member appointed by the member of the city, parish, or other local public school board in whose district the school is located.
6. One member appointed by the member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in whose district the school is located.
7. One member appointed by the president of BESE, in the case of a school directly operated by the RSD, or, in the case of a charter school, the school's chartering authority.

Proposed law:

1. Requires that a community advisory board be established for each school directly operated by the RSD not later than August 15, 2011.
2. Requires that a community advisory board be established for each new charter school created within the RSD at the time such school is created and that such advisory board be made a part of the charter agreement.
3. Requires that a community advisory board be established for each existing charter school within the RSD at the time such school's charter is up for renewal and that such advisory board be made a part of the school's charter upon renewal.
4. Requires BESE, prior to taking action to convert a school directly operated by the RSD to a charter school, or to authorize the creation of a new charter school within the RSD, to consult with such school's community advisory board when selecting a charter operator for the school.
5. Requires the RSD to consult with a school's community advisory board prior to establishing the location of a new school site, planning the construction of a new school, constructing a new school building, or moving a school into a new school building.

Proposed law prohibits BESE from approving the conversion of an existing school directly operated by the RSD to a charter school, or the creation of a new charter school within the RSD, for which there is not more than one applicant to operate such school.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1990(I) and (J))