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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))