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HOUSE BILL NO. 360

BY REPRESENTATIVE STIAES

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

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to the definition of a charter school

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3973(2)(a), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the definition of a charter school; to provide that certain types of charter schools may have a residential component; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3973(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3973. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(2)(a) "Charter school" means an independent public school that provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both, established pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter to provide a learning environment that will improve pupil achievement. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, or Type 4 charter school from having a residential component.

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Abstract: Authorizes a Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, or Type 4 charter school to have a residential component.

Present law defines "charter school" as an independent public school that provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both, established pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of present law to provide a learning environment that will improve pupil achievement. Provides for five "types" of charter schools. Type is determined in part by whether the school is created as a new school pursuant to the charter or was a preexisting school converted to a charter school and whether the chartering authority is the school board or BESE.

Proposed law provides that nothing in present law shall be construed to prohibit a Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, or Type 4 charter school from having a residential component.

(Amends R.S. 17:3973(2)(a))

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