Stiaes (HB 360) **Act No. 181**

Existing 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 existing 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 the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

New law provides that nothing in existing law 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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(Amends R.S. 17:3973(2)(a))