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2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 562

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Permits local public school boards to assign students to charter schools under certain circumstances

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(B)(3), relative to charter schools; to permit city, parish,
3	and other local public school boards to assign students to charter schools under
4	certain circumstances; to provide for such assignment to be based on parental
5	preferences, charter school admission requirements and contracts, and local board
6	policies; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation
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11	B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:
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13	(3) Admission requirements, if any, that are consistent with the school's role,
14	scope, and mission may be established pursuant to rules promulgated by the state
15	board. Such admission requirements shall be specific and shall include a system for
16	admission decisions which precludes exclusion of pupils based on race, religion,
17	gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level as ascertained by an intelligence
18	quotient examination, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined
19	in R.S. 17:1942(B). Such admission requirements may include, however, specific
20	requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions for schools with a

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performing arts mission or proficiency in a foreign language for schools with a language immersion mission. Any school which was chartered prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated achievement of a certain academic record as part of its admission requirements may continue to <a href="https://www.utilize.go.ni.nlm.ni.nl

DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits a local public school board in a district in which a majority of schools are charter schools and that uses a single application and enrollment process to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of a student's parent or legal guardian, charter school admission requirements and contracts, and local school board policies.

<u>Present law</u> provides relative to charter school requirements, limitations, and prohibitions. Requires that charter school admission requirements be consistent with the school's role, scope, and mission. Requires that the admission requirements include a system for admission decisions which precludes exclusion of students based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in <u>present law</u>. Provides that such requirements may include specific requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions or proficiency in a foreign language. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts from this prohibition a local public school board in a district in which 50% or more of the public schools are charter schools and the district uses a single application and enrollment process for public school enrollment. Allows such a board to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of the parents, the charter school's admission requirements and contract, and local school board policies.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Exempt a local school board in a district in which 50% or more of the public schools are charter schools, instead of a district with one or more charter schools, from <u>present law</u> prohibition on assignment of pupils to charter schools.
- 2. Add that the assignment of pupils to charter schools in such a district may be based on the charter school admission requirements and contract and the local school board policies.