To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 261 by Representative Magee, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Education (#3558) be rejected.

2. That Senate Floor Amendment Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7 by Senator Fesi (#4229) be adopted.

3. That Senate Floor Amendment Nos. 2, 3, and 5 by Senator Fesi (#4229) be rejected.

4. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

   AMENDMENT NO. 1

   On page 2, at the end of line 11, delete the period "." and insert "who is an employee of the council."

   AMENDMENT NO. 2

   On page 5, delete lines 17 through 21 and insert the following:

   "Section 3.(A) This Act shall become effective July 1, 2023, except as provided in Subsection B of this Section.
   
   (B) The provisions of R.S. 17:1977.2 and R.S. 36:651(C)(13) as provided in this Act, relative to the creation of the board of directors, shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of R.S. 17:1977.2 and R.S. 36:651(C)(13) as provided in this Act, relative to the creation of the board of directors, shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Tanner D. Magee
Senator Katrina R. Jackson

Representative Lance Harris
Senator Michael "Big Mike" Fesi

Representative Joseph Orgeron
Senator Jeremy Stine
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 261 2022 Regular Session Magee

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

SCHOOLS: Creates a French immersion school in the community of Pointe-au-Chien in Terrebonne Parish

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Increase board membership from seven to 13 and specify that CODIFIL appointee be a CODIFIL employee.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Required the Terrebonne Parish School board to make certain vacant facilities available to the school at no cost and to donate certain property to the school.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Revise effectiveness provisions.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law creates École Pointe-au-Chien, an independent public French immersion school in Terrebonne Parish. Provides that the school shall be its own local education agency. Provides for governance by a 13-member board of directors, which shall be the school's sole governing authority. Provides for state funding and the education of students in grades prekindergarten through four.

Effective July 1, 2023, except proposed law relative to the creation of the board of directors is effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.