

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Claitor to Engrossed House Bill No. 245 by Representative Henry

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, between "To" and "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S.  
3 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i) and (b) and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, between "students;" and "to prohibit" insert "to provide relative to the  
6 enrollment of at-risk students in charter schools;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, after line 4, insert the following:

9 "Section 2. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation

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13 B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:  
14 (1)(a)(i) That for Type 1 and Type 2 charter schools created as new schools,  
15 the percentage of the total number of pupils enrolled in the charter school based on  
16 the October first pupil membership who are at-risk, in the manner provided in R.S.  
17 17:3973(1)(a) **and (e)**, shall be equal to not less than eighty-five percent of the  
18 average percentage of pupils enrolled in the local public school districts from which  
19 the charter school enrolls its students who are eligible to participate in the federal  
20 free and reduced lunch program, **and shall be equal to not less than eighty-five**  
21 **percent of the average percentage of pupils enrolled in the local public school**  
22 **districts from which the charter school enrolls its students who have been**  
23 **identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not**  
24 **including gifted and talented.** The remaining number of pupils enrolled in the  
25 charter school which would be required to have the same percentage of at-risk pupils  
26 as the percentage of pupils in the district who are eligible to participate in the federal  
27 free and reduced cost lunch program **or who have been identified as a student with**  
28 **an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted and talented,**  
29 may be comprised of pupils who are at-risk as is otherwise provided in R.S.  
30 17:3973(1). For the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of this Section, the at-risk  
31 percentage for the city or parish school system shall remain fixed during the term of  
32 the approved charter at the percentage which existed during the school year that the  
33 charter proposal was approved, unless otherwise specified in the charter that the  
34 charter school will reflect the current year's at-risk percentage.

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36 (b)(i) That for Type 2 charter schools created as a result of a conversion,  
37 Type 3 and Type 4 charter schools, the percentage of the total number of pupils  
38 enrolled in the charter school based on the October first pupil membership who are  
39 at-risk, in the manner provided in R.S. 17:3973(1)(a) **and (e)**, unless otherwise  
40 agreed to as part of the charter agreement, by the chartering authority, shall be equal  
41 to not less than the percentage of the total of pupils enrolled in the school in the  
42 school year prior to the establishment of the charter school that were eligible to  
43 participate in the federal free and reduced cost lunch program, **and shall be equal**

1 **to not less than the percentage of the total of pupils enrolled in the school in the**  
2 **school year prior to the establishment of the charter school who were identified**  
3 **as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including**  
4 **gifted and talented.**

5 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, that for  
6 Type 2, Type 3, and Type 4 charter schools in Richland Parish, the percentage of the  
7 total number of pupils enrolled in the charter school based on the October first pupil  
8 membership who are at risk, in the manner provided in R.S. 17:3973(1)(a) **and (e)**,  
9 shall be, as near as practicable, not more than the percentage of the total number of  
10 pupils enrolled in the public elementary and secondary schools and in the state-  
11 approved nonpublic elementary and secondary schools located in the local public  
12 school district in which the charter school is located who are eligible to participate  
13 in the federal free and reduced lunch program **or who have been identified as a**  
14 **student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, not including gifted**  
15 **and talented.** However, in no case shall the initial enrollment of such a school nor  
16 the cohort of students enrolled for each new school year have, as near as practicable,  
17 fewer than fifty percent students who are at risk in the manner provided in R.S.  
18 17:3973(1)(a) **and (e)**.

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