

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to the assets of certain charter schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(H), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the  
3 assets of certain charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation;  
7 board membership

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9 H.(1)(a) Any assets acquired by a Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 5 charter school are  
10 the property of that charter school for the duration of that school's charter agreement.

11 (b) Any assets acquired by a Type 4 charter school are the property of the  
12 local school board.

13 (2) If a Type 1, 3, or 3B charter school is approved for conversion to a Type  
14 2 charter school under the provisions of R.S. 17:3983(B)(2), all assets purchased  
15 with any public funds prior to such conversion shall remain the property of that  
16 charter school for the duration of that school's charter agreement with the state board.

17 (3)(a) If the charter agreement of any Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 5 charter school  
18 is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate, all assets purchased by the  
19 charter school with any public funds become the property of the chartering authority.

20 (b) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, if the charter  
21 agreement of a Type 2 charter school that was previously any other type of charter

1        school is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate, any immovable property  
 2        owned by the local school board that was used by the charter school prior to such  
 3        revocation or ceasing of operation remains the property of the local school board.

4            (4) Charter schools ~~are to~~ shall maintain records of any assets acquired with  
 5        any private funds which remain the property of the nonprofit group operating the  
 6        charter school.

#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to ownership of assets of certain charter schools following the duration of a charter agreement.

Present law provides for a charter agreement between a charter school and its chartering authority.

Present law provides that if the charter agreement of a charter school (except for a Type 4 charter school) is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate, all assets purchased with any public funds become the property of the chartering authority. Proposed law specifies that such provision applies to all assets purchased by the school with public funds.

Proposed law provides that all assets of a Type 1, 3, or 3B charter school that are purchased with any public funds prior to converting to a Type 2 charter school under present law (R.S. 17:3938(B)(2)) remain the property of that school for the duration of the charter agreement with the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Proposed law provides that if the charter agreement of charter school is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate and it is converted to a Type 2 charter school, the immovable property owned by the local school board that was used by the school prior to such conversion remains the property of such board.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(H))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Provide that when a charter school is converted to a Type 2 charter school due to revocation of a charter agreement or ceasing of operation, the immovable property that is owned by the local school board remains the property of such board.
2. Provide that if the charter agreement of any Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 5 charter school is revoked or the school otherwise ceases to operate, all assets purchased by the school with any public funds become the property of the chartering authority.