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HOUSE BILL NO. 285

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SCHOOLS/BOARDS: Authorizes a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with  
a credit union or bank to operate a branch at a high school

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(B), relative to the use of school buildings; to provide  
3 relative to the powers of local public school boards; to authorize a school board to  
4 engage in a cooperative endeavor with a credit union or bank to operate a branch at  
5 a high school; to provide for the integration of the operation of the branch into a  
6 required financial literacy course; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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11 B.(1) Each school board may permit school buildings to be used outside of  
12 regular school hours for academic purposes including but not limited to tutoring and  
13 study hall. The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the terms and  
14 conditions, including fees if any, under which such buildings shall be used.

15 (2) Each school board may engage in a cooperative endeavor with a credit  
16 union or bank to operate a branch at a high school. Any such cooperative endeavor  
17 shall provide for the integration of the operation of the branch into the financial  
18 literacy course required by R.S. 17:270 and provide students with the opportunity to



board to adopt rules and regulations governing the terms and conditions, including fees if any, under which such buildings shall be used.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with a credit union or bank to operate a branch at a high school. Provides that any such cooperative endeavor shall provide for the integration of the operation of the branch into the financial literacy course required by present law and provide students with the opportunity to obtain the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to manage their personal finances and obtain general financial literacy as provided in present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(B))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorize a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with a bank in addition to a credit union to operate a branch at a high school.