

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 408

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

SCHOOLS. Authorizes submission of certain charter school applications. (8/1/16)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3975, relative to public schools; to authorize a charter group to submit an application to the local school board or the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to operate a charter school to replace a closed public school; to provide for special circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3975 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§3975. Schools closed by local school boards; authority to apply for local or state charter; special considerations**

**A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a charter group that seeks to operate a charter school as a means to replace a public school closed by the local school board is hereby authorized to submit a charter application either to the local school board for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter, or directly to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for a Type 2 charter, provided the charter application otherwise complies with the provisions of this Chapter.**

**B. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a charter application submitted pursuant to the provisions of this Section fully complies with the**

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**provisions of this Chapter.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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DIGEST

SB 408 Engrossed

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Present law provides for the Charter School Demonstration Programs Law to provide for the creation and operation of charter schools.

Notwithstanding the provisions of present law, proposed law authorizes a charter group that seeks to operate a charter school as a means to replace a public school closed by the local school board, to submit a charter application either to the local school board for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter, or directly to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for a Type 2 charter, provided the charter application otherwise complies with the provisions of present law. Further provides that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such application fully complies with the provisions of present law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 17:3975)