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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to submit certain information relative to all charter schools operating in La. to the legislature and the legislative auditor. Prohibits the authorization of charter schools pending certification of such information by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law requires BESE to submit a report to the legislature and the legislative auditor by Feb. 15, 2018, that includes all of the following information for each charter school operating in the state:

- (1) Performance data, including all raw data collected, and results that include, at a minimum, a description of the education program offered by each school and how that program has met the needs of the students since the school was created and if and to what extent the school is achieving its stated goals and objectives as specified in its approved charter.
- (2) An analysis of such data and results for each school.
- (3) Other information as determined by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law prohibits BESE and local public school boards from authorizing charter schools until the legislature receives written notification from the legislative auditor certifying that the information submitted by BESE as required in proposed law complies with the requirements of proposed law and present law relative to the intended purposes of the charter school law.

Present law (R.S. 17:3972) creates the Charter School Demonstration Programs Law to authorize experimentation of innovative kinds of independent public schools, to provide a framework for such experimentation by the creation of such schools, a means for all persons with valid ideas and motivation to participate in the experiment, and a mechanism by which experiment results can be analyzed, the positive results repeated or replicated, and the negative results identified and eliminated.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3981(9))