

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 89

BY SENATOR BISHOP

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to the composition of charter school boards in certain parishes. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iii), and to enact R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iv),  
3 relative to the membership of a charter school governing or management board; to  
4 provide relative to the composition of such board; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iii) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iv) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation;

9 **board membership**

10 A.(1)(a) \* \* \*

11 (c)(i) \* \* \*

12 (iii) ~~Each charter school shall be in full compliance with the provisions of this~~  
13 ~~Subparagraph by not later than January 1, 2004.~~ **Beginning October 1, 2018, the**  
14 **membership of the governing or management board of each charter school**  
15 **located in a parish with a population of between three hundred twenty-five**  
16 **thousand and three hundred seventy-five thousand persons, based on the most**  
17 **recent federal decennial census, shall include at least one member who is a**

1 parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student enrolled in the charter  
 2 school, or an alumni of the school, who may be appointed or elected. Each  
 3 charter school governing or management board shall adopt a policy prescribing  
 4 the process and timelines for either appointing or electing a parent, legal  
 5 guardian, or grandparent of a student, or an alumni of the school to the board.  
 6 The policy shall be provided to the parents of each child enrolled in the school  
 7 and published on the school's website.

8 (iv) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the governing or  
 9 management board of each charter school located in a parish with a population  
 10 of between three hundred twenty-five thousand and three hundred seventy-five  
 11 thousand persons, based on the most recent federal decennial census, shall be  
 12 representative of the community in which the charter school is located and no  
 13 fewer than sixty percent of its members shall reside in the parish in which the  
 14 school is located.

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 20 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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SB 89 Engrossed

DIGEST  
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Bishop

Proposed law provides that beginning October 1, 2018, each charter school governing or management board located in a parish with a population between 325,000 and 375,000 persons shall include at least one member who is a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student enrolled in the charter school, or an alumni of the school, who may be elected or appointed.

Proposed law requires each board to adopt a policy prescribing the process and timelines for appointing or electing the parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or alumni. Additionally provides that the policy be provided to the parents of each child enrolled in the school and published on the school's website.

Proposed law provides that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each charter school governing or management board located in a parish with population between 325,000 and 375,000 persons shall be representative of the community in which the charter school is located and no fewer than sixty percent of its members shall reside in the parish in which the school is located.

Proposed law deletes obsolete timeline in present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iii), adds R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iv))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Limits effectiveness of the bill to certain parishes.
2. Provides that a grandparent or school alumni is eligible to serve on the board.
3. Requires board to adopt selection policies and provide policies to school parents and post on the school's website.