
 DIGEST

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SB 316 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for the revision, revocation, and renewal of charter schools. Provides that an approved school charter is valid for an initial period of four years and may be extended for a maximum initial term of five years, contingent on the results of a review conducted after the completion of the third year. Proposed law increases the initial period of validity from four years to five years and changes such review time frame from the end of the third year to the end of the fourth year.

Present law requires a chartering authority to provide to its charter school the criteria for renewal. Proposed law specifies that such criteria include academic performance and progress indices and distinguish between schools with and without selective admissions criteria as well as those with alternative educational models.

Proposed law allows a charter authorizer to extend the charter contract term by the same length of time as the impacting occurrence in instances where the school does not receive a school performance score, the charter school qualifies as a "severe impact school" as defined by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, or in other extraordinary circumstances provided in the policy of the charter authorizer.

Present law allows the revocation of a charter under specified circumstances. Proposed law adds that as an alternative to revocation, the charter authority may reconstitute the governing body of the charter holder under specific conditions.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3992(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (D) and 3998(B); adds R.S. 17:3992(A)(2)(d) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical amendment.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove exception for "turnaround schools" relative to a charter authorizer's proposed law authority to extend contract terms under certain circumstances.
2. Revise terminology.