

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 316

2024 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to charter schools. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes exception for "turnaround schools" relative to a charter authorizer's proposed law authority to extend contract terms under certain circumstances.
2. Revises terminology from "charter authorizer" and "authority that approved the charter" to "chartering authority".

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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))

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