

ACT No. 364

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HOUSE BILL NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and 3991.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5), relative to charter schools; to authorize the initial proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner to be made to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Type 2 charter school proposal; to provide relative to the definition of corporate partner; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and 3991.1(C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental approval

A.

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(2)(a)(i) Each proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school shall first be made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is to be located, except as provided for in Item ~~(ii) or (iii)~~ (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this Subparagraph, by submitting a written proposal. If, after review as required by R.S. 17:3982, the local school board denies the proposal, or if conditions placed on the proposal by the local school board, as provided in Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section, are not acceptable to the chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the state board.

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1 (iv) The initial proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner as
2 provided in R.S. 17:3991.1 may be made to the state board as a proposal for a Type 2
3 charter school.

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5 §3991.1. Corporate partners; enrollment preferences and board membership

6 A. The legislature finds and declares that:

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8 (5) Encouraging and enhancing partnerships between the state's public
9 education system and state and federal government partners that provide for public
10 health and safety, defense, and critical infrastructure benefits the state and its
11 students.

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13 C. For purposes of this Section, a corporate partner is any legal entity except
14 for a corporation identified in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3), whether for profit or not for
15 profit, registered with the secretary of state, ~~except a corporation identified in R.S.~~
16 18:1505.2(L)(3); a regional airport, or any federal or state entity or agency, including
17 a public postsecondary education institution, that has, acting individually or as part
18 of a consortium of corporations, donated or provided one or more of the following
19 to the school:

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____