

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to charter school funding

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and
3 (I), relative to charter schools; to provide for charter school funding; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and (I) are
7 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3995. Charter school funding

9 A.(1) For the purpose of funding, a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter
10 school, Type 3B charter school not acting as its own local education agency, and
11 Type 4 charter school shall be considered an approved public school of the local
12 school board entering into the charter agreement; however, a Type 1 charter school,
13 Type 3 charter school, or Type 3B charter school, subject to the approval of the local
14 school board and in accordance with rules the local school board adopts for such
15 purpose, may be considered the local education agency for funding purposes and
16 statutory definitions. A Type 1 charter school, Type 2 charter ~~schools and~~ school,
17 Type 3 charter school, or a Type 3B charter school acting as its own local education
18 agency shall receive a per pupil amount each year authorized by the state board each
19 year as provided in the approved minimum foundation program formula. The per
20 pupil amount provided to a Type 1, 2, 3, 3B, or 4 charter school shall be computed

1 annually and shall be equal to the per pupil amount provided through the minimum
2 foundation program formula, determined by the allocation weights in the formula
3 based upon student characteristics or needs, received by the school district in which
4 the student resides from the following sources based on the district's membership
5 count used in the minimum foundation program formula:

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7 (4)(a)

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9 (ii) The state Department of Education may withhold and retain from state
10 funds otherwise allocated to a local public school system through the minimum
11 foundation program formula an amount equal to one quarter of one percent of the fee
12 amount charged to a Type 3B charter school acting as its own local education agency
13 pursuant to Item (i) of this Subparagraph, or a Type 1, 3, or 4 charter school acting
14 as its own education agency pursuant to R.S. 17:10.7.1 or as provided in Paragraph
15 (1) of this Subsection, for administrative costs incurred by the department for
16 providing financial oversight and monitoring of such charter schools.

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18 H.(1) Any Type 2 or 5 charter school shall be considered the local education
19 agency for funding purposes and statutory definitions pursuant to rules adopted by
20 the state board.

21 (2) With the approval of the local school board, a Type 1 charter school,
22 Type 3 charter school, or Type 3B charter school may be considered the local
23 education agency for funding purposes and statutory definitions in accordance with
24 rules adopted by the local school board.

25 I. The local school board shall remain the local education agency for any
26 Type 1, 3, or 4 charter school, unless the charter school is authorized to act as its own
27 local education agency, pursuant to R.S. 17:10.7.1 or as provided in Paragraph
28 (A)(1) of this Section.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a charter school to be considered its own local education agency in certain circumstances.

Present law (R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)) provides that a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, Type 3B charter school not acting as its own local education agency (LEA), and Type 4 charter school are all considered an approved public school of the local board for the purposes of funding. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law additionally provides that Type 2 charter schools and a Type 3B charter school acting as its own LEA shall receive a per pupil amount each year authorized by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) as provided in the minimum foundation program formula. Proposed law provides a Type 1 charter school and a Type 3 charter school shall also receive such amount.

Present law (R.S. 17:3995(H)) requires any Type 2 or 5 charter school to be considered the LEA for funding purposes and statutory definitions pursuant to rules adopted by the BESE. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes, with the approval of the local school board, a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, or Type 3B charter school to be considered the LEA for funding purposes and statutory definitions in accordance with rules adopted by the local school board.

(Amends R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(intro. para.) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and (I))