
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 976
by Representative Carter

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, change "(2), 3983(A)(3)(a)," to "(2) and (B),
3 3983(A)(2)(a)(i), (3)(a), and"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 5, after "paragraph" change "and (c)," to "and (c) and (4)(a),"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, after "3973(2)(b)(vi)" delete the comma "," and change "(7), and (8)," to
8 "and (7),"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 7, after "3982(A)(3)" delete the remainder of the line, insert a comma "," and
11 insert "3983(A)(2)(a)(iii) and (d) and (3)(d) and (E)(3), 3992(D), and"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 2, at the end of line 22, change "(2)," to "(2) and (B),"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 6

15 On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, change "3983(A)(3)(a)," to "3983(A)(2)(a)(i), (3)(a),
16 and"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 7

18 On page 2, line 24, after "3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph)" change "and (c)," to "and (c)
19 and (4)(a),"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 8

21 On page 2, line 26, after "3973(2)(b)(vi)" delete the comma "," and change "(7), and (8),"
22 to "and (7),"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 9

24 On page 2, line 27, after "3982(A)(3)" delete the remainder of the line, insert a comma ","
25 and insert "3983(A)(2)(a)(iii) and (d) and (3)(d) and (E)(3), 3992(D), and Part VII of
26 Chapter 42"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 10

28 On page 3, line 5, after "public school" and before "shall" delete "or public charter school"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 11

30 On page 5, line 22, after "agreements with" delete the remainder of the line and insert
31 "chartering groups."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 6, delete lines 5, 6, and 7

3 AMENDMENT NO. 13

4 On page 6, line 26, after "state." delete the remainder of the line and delete the remainder of
5 the page and insert "The application shall allow a potential chartering group to propose any
6 number of charter schools through a single application."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 14

8 On page 7, line 1, change "charter operators" to "chartering groups"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 15

10 On page 7, line 3, change "Industry Based Certifications." to "industry-based certifications."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 16

12 On page 7, line 21, after "assets" and before "as" insert "net of liabilities"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 17

14 On page 7, line 27, after "and" and before "the" change "ensures" to "assures"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 18

16 On page 8, line 6, after "Certify" and before "than" change "fewer" to "not more"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 19

18 On page 8, line 7, change "Regional Labor Market Area." to "regional labor market area."

19 AMENDMENT NO. 20

20 On page 8, line 13, after "(6)" delete "The state board shall monitor" and insert "Monitor"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 21

22 On page 8, at the beginning of line 25, change "C." to "C.(1)"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 22

24 On page 8, line 26, after "thereof" delete the comma ",."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 23

26 On page 9, at the beginning of line 3, change "D." to "(2)"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 24

28 On page 9, line 4, after "thereof" delete the comma ",."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 25

30 On page 9, line 6, between "the transfer" and "the charter" insert "of"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 26

2 On page 9, at the beginning of line 8, change "E." to "D."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 27

4 On page 9, delete lines 15 and 16, and insert the following:

5 "E. If the average performance of the charter schools authorized by
6 the local charter authorizer is a letter grade of "C" or any variation thereof
7 after any three-year review, the local charter authorizer may not authorize
8 any additional schools until the average performance of those schools is a
9 letter grade of "A" or "B" or any variation thereof. If the average
10 performance of the charter schools authorized by the local charter authorizer
11 is a letter grade of "D" or "F" or any variation thereof after any three-year
12 review, the state board shall cancel the local charter authorizer's certification
13 and provide for the transfer of those schools to the state board as Type 2 or
14 Type 5 charter schools."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 28

16 On page 9, delete line 17, and insert "F. The state board may rescind a charter approval"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 29

18 On page 9, line 18, change "charter operator should" to "chartering group if"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 30

20 On page 9, line 19, after "state board" change "find" to "finds"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 31

22 On page 11, delete lines 3 through 12 and insert the following:

23 "(3) If a charter applicant believes that a local charter authorizer has
24 not complied with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection in its evaluation
25 of an application, the charter applicant may submit its proposal to the state
26 board for its review and approval as a Type 2 charter. If the state board
27 determines that the local charter authorizer failed to comply with Paragraphs
28 (1) and (2) of this Subsection, it shall notify the local charter authorizer of
29 that determination and may proceed with its own review of the charter
30 application. The state "

31 AMENDMENT NO. 32

32 On page 13, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the following:

33 "(3) If a charter applicant believes that a local school board has not
34 complied with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection in its evaluation of
35 an application, the charter applicant may submit its proposal to the state
36 board for its review and approval as a Type 2 charter. If the state board
37 determines that the school board failed to comply with Paragraphs (1) and (2)
38 of this Subsection, it shall notify the school board of that determination and
39 may proceed with its own review of the charter application. The state board
40 shall review each"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 33

2 On page 13, delete lines 12 through 17, and insert the following:

3 "B. Local school boards shall make available to chartering groups
4 any vacant school facilities or any facility slated to be vacant for lease or
5 purchase up to fair market value. In the case of a Type 1B or a Type 2
6 charter school created as a result of a conversion, the facility and all property
7 within the existing school shall be made available to that chartering group.
8 In return for the use of the facility and its contents, the chartering group shall
9 pay a proportionate share of the local school board's bonded indebtedness to
10 be calculated in the same manner as set forth in R.S. 17:1990(C)(2)(a)(i). If
11 such facilities were constructed at no cost to the local school board, then such
12 facilities, including all equipment, books, instructional materials, and
13 furniture within such facilities, shall be provided to the charter school at no
14 cost."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 34

16 On page 13, delete line 22 and insert the following:

17 "(2)(a)(i) Each proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school shall
18 first be made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is
19 to be located, ~~except in the case of a local system in academic crisis~~ as
20 provided for in ~~Item (ii)~~ Item (ii) or (iii) of this Subparagraph, ~~involving the~~
21 ~~submission of~~ by submitting a written proposal. If, after review as required
22 by R.S. 17:3982, the local school board denies the proposal, or if conditions
23 placed on the proposal by the local school board, as provided in Paragraph
24 (B)(2) of this Section, are not acceptable to ~~those proposing the charter~~ the
25 chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made
26 to the ~~State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education~~ state board.

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28 (iii) If the local school system in which a chartering group intends to
29 apply to operate a school has received a letter grade designation of "D" or
30 "F" or any variation thereof, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may
31 be made to the state board."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 35

33 On page 13, line 25, after "required by" change "R.S. 17:3982.1," to "R.S. 17:3981.2,"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 36

35 On page 14, line 8, after "qualified" change "charter operators" to "chartering groups"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 37

37 On page 14, line 10, after "performance of" change "charter operators" to "chartering
38 groups"

39 AMENDMENT NO. 38

40 On page 14, line 12, after "(ii)" change "Charter operators" to "Chartering groups"

41 AMENDMENT NO. 39

42 On page 14, delete lines 13 through 20 and insert the following:

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1 "this Subparagraph are eligible to apply for and be granted approval of
2 multiple charter agreements through a single application; however, even if
3 multiple charter agreements are approved pursuant to a single application, the
4 chartering group shall open only one school at a time. Only after each such
5 school meets specified performance targets, as determined by the chartering
6 authority, may the chartering group open a subsequent approved school."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 40

8 On page 15, line 8, after "17:3981(4)" insert a comma ", " and delete the remainder of the line
9 and insert "3981.2(A)(1)(a), or 3982(A)(1)(a)(i), as applicable."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 41

11 On page 15, line 10, after "to the" delete the remainder of the line and on line 11, delete "or
12 state board." and insert "chartering authority."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 42

14 On page 15, line 27, between "board" and "to provide" insert "or local charter authorizer"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 43

16 On page 16, line 6, after "held in the" change "general" to "geographic"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 44

18 On page 16, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

19 "E.
20 * * *

21 AMENDMENT NO. 45

22 On page 16, delete lines 12 through 16

23 AMENDMENT NO. 46

24 On page 17, line 1, between "mission." and "No" insert "Any school which was chartered
25 prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated achievement of a certain academic record as
26 part of its admission requirements may continue to utilize such admission requirements."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 47

28 On page 17, line 4, after "(13)" delete "Manner in which" and insert "Assurance that"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 48

30 On page 17, delete line 24

31 AMENDMENT NO. 49

32 On page 17, at the beginning of line 25, insert "Employ instructional staff who"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 50

34 On page 17, line 25, between "and" and "shall be" insert "who"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 72

2 On page 25, at the beginning of line 20, change "d" to "c"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 73

4 On page 25, at the beginning of line 22, change "2" to "3"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 74

6 On page 25, delete lines 28, 29, and 30 and on page 26, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the
7 following:

8 "(c) Is enrolled in a home study program approved by the state
9 board."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 75

11 On page 26, line 5, after "to" and before "course" delete "per"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 76

13 On page 26, at the end of line 17, change "R.S. 17:4004(1)(c)" to "R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(c)"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 77

15 On page 26, line 18, after "the" and before "course" delete "per"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 78

17 On page 26, line 21, after "requirements" and before "R.S." change "provided in" to "of"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 79

19 On page 26, line 27, after "system" and before "in" delete "or other school"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 80

21 On page 27, at the end of line 1, delete "student" and at the beginning of line 2, delete
22 "achievement" and insert "academic"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 81

24 On page 27, line 27, after "school" and before "shall" change "system" to "board"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 82

26 On page 27, line 28, after "each" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 29 and insert
27 "student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b) and (3)(a) the following shall apply:"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 83

29 On page 28, delete lines 1 through 12 in their entirety and insert the following:

30 "(a) Credits earned through the course provider shall appear on each
31 such student's official transcript and count fully towards the requirements of
32 any approved Louisiana diploma.

33 (b) Tests required pursuant to R.S. 17:24.4 shall be administered to
34 each such student attending a public school.

1 (c) All services to which each such student attending public school
 2 would be entitled if attending the school in which he is enrolled full time for
 3 all courses, including but not limited to special education services pursuant
 4 to the student's Individual Education Plan shall be provided."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 84

6 On page 28, line 22, change "However, these test scores also" to "The test scores"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 85

8 On page 28, delete lines 25 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

9 "E. Each student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b) and (3)(a)
 10 shall enroll in at least one course at the school in which he is enrolled full
 11 time."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 86

13 On page 29, line 3, after "§4002.6." and before "providers" change "Per course" to "Course"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 87

15 On page 29, line 4, after "The" delete the remainder of the line and insert "course provider
 16 shall receive a course amount for each"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 88

18 On page 29, line 14, after "of" and before "course" delete "per"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 89

20 On page 29, at the beginning of line 18, after "(3)" and before "amount" change "An" to "For
 21 each student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b), an"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 90

23 On page 29, line 20, after "which" and before "student" change "the eligible funded" to
 24 "such"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 91

26 On page 29, delete lines 25 through 30 and on page 30, delete lines 1 through 4 in their
 27 entirety and insert the following:

28 "(4) For students identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(d), the course
 29 provider shall receive payment only for the courses in which the student is
 30 enrolled in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. The remaining
 31 funds for each of these students up to the maximum amount for the parish in
 32 which the participating student resides as determined each year by the
 33 Minimum Foundation Program or actual tuition and fees, as applicable, shall
 34 remain with the participating school in which the student is enrolled in
 35 accordance with R.S. 17:4011 through 4025."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 92

37 On page 30, line 16, after "which the" and before "course" delete "per"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 93

2 On page 30, at the end of line 17, delete "per"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 94

4 On page 30, line 19, after "to" and before "or" change "exiting" to "leaving school pursuant
5 to R.S. 17:221"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 95

7 On page 30, at the beginning of line 21, after "(3)" and before "The" delete the period "."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 96

9 On page 32, line 13, after "is" and before "Each" change "located." to "located or in a school
10 under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 97

12 On page 32, line 14, after "system" and before "shall conduct" insert "or the Recovery
13 School District"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 98

15 On page 32, line 17, after "on" delete the remainder of the line and insert "October first and
16 on February first of the most recent school year pursuant to the definition of student
17 membership established by the state board for purposes of the Minimum Foundation
18 program Formula."

19 AMENDMENT NO. 99

20 On page 33, line 17, after "grade" and before "and" delete the comma "," and insert "and
21 whether the school elects to offer an enrollment preference to a student based on the parish
22 in which the student resides."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 100

24 On page 34, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

25 "(iv) Students residing in the parishes as indicated pursuant to the
26 notice of intent, if applicable."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 101

28 On page 34, line 18, after "filled" delete the remainder of the line and insert "according to
29 the time line established by the department."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 102

31 On page 36, at the beginning of line 2, after "A." change "The state" to "The state"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 103

33 On page 36, line 4, after "per" and before "to" change "student" to "pupil"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 104

35 On page 36, at the end of line 4, change "participating student" to "scholarship recipient"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 105

2 On page 36, at the beginning of line 9, change "If" to "For a participating school that charges
3 tuition, if"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 106

5 On page 36, at the beginning of line 13, change "student" to "pupil"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 107

7 On page 36, line 14, after "local" and before "school" delete "public"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 108

9 On page 36, line 17, after "local" and before "school" delete "public"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 109

11 On page 36, delete lines 20, 21, and 22

12 AMENDMENT NO. 110

13 On page 36, at the beginning of line 28, change "C." to "B.(1)"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 111

15 On page 37, at the beginning of line 7, change "(1)" to "(a)"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 112

17 On page 37, line 10, after "attending." delete the remainder of the line

18 AMENDMENT NO. 113

19 On page 37, at the beginning of line 11, change "(2)(a)" to "(b)"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 114

21 On page 37, line 15, after "participating" and before "school" insert "nonpublic"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 115

23 On page 37, line 17, after "the" and before "school" change "nonpublic participating" to
24 "participating nonpublic"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 116

26 On page 37, line 18, after "the" and before "school's" change "nonpublic participating" to
27 "participating nonpublic"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 117

29 On page 37, line 19, after "in" and before "of this" change "Subsections (A) and (B)" to
30 "Subsection A"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 118

32 On page 37, delete lines 23 through 25 in their entirety and insert the following:

1 "(2) To offer special education services pursuant to Subparagraph
2 (1)(b) of this Subsection, a participating nonpublic school shall meet all of
3 the following criteria:"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 119

5 On page 37, at the beginning of line 26, change "i" to "a"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 120

7 On page 38, at the end of line 2, after "Plan" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of
8 the line and delete lines 3 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

9 "(b) In accordance with time lines as determined by the department,
10 inform the department of the types of student exceptionalities as defined in
11 R.S. 17:1942(B) that the school is willing to serve."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 121

13 On page 38, at the beginning of line 8, change "D." to "C."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 122

15 On page 38, line 11, after "local" and before "school" delete "public"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 123

17 On page 38, line 14, after "local" delete "public"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 124

19 On page 38, line 16, after "local" and before "school" delete "public"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 125

21 On page 38, line 22, after "shall" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 23 through
22 25 and insert the following:

23 "remit transfer scholarship payments directly to each participating school on
24 behalf of the parent or other legal guardian of a scholarship recipient. The
25 parent or other legal guardian shall assign the full value of the scholarship to
26 the participating school responsible city or parish school district."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 126

28 On page 40, at the beginning of line 8, after "(3)" and before "Enrollment" delete "(a)"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 127

30 On page 40, line 9, after "been" and before "for" delete "in operation" and insert "approved,
31 provisionally approved, or probationally approved"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 128

33 On page 40, delete lines 11 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

34 ~~"(b) The department may grant a waiver of this requirement to a~~
35 ~~participating school if the governing authority of such school demonstrates~~
36 ~~a proven record of successful operation of other schools."~~