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## DIGEST

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Edwards

HB No. 467

**Abstract:** Subjects charter schools to the same State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education rules and regulations as traditional public schools with respect to employment eligibility requirements for teachers and other school employees.

Present law requires charter schools to employ instructional staff who have at least a baccalaureate degree. Proposed law instead requires charter schools to employ only those teachers and other school employees who meet all eligibility requirements of those holding equivalent positions in traditional public schools as provided by law and in rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Present law subjects charter school instructional staff to all provisions of state law relative to background checks applicable to the employment of public school personnel. Proposed law broadens the application of this requirement to all charter school employees.

Present law, except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, exempts charter schools from all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to public schools and provides an enumerated list of excepted rules and regulations from which charter schools are not exempt. Proposed law adds employment eligibility requirements for teachers and other school employees to this list of rules and regulations.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(C)(6); Adds R.S. 17:3996(A)(18))