

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to employment eligibility requirements for teachers in charter schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(C)(6) and to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(34), relative to the
3 employment of charter school teachers; to provide relative to the qualifications for
4 such employment; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3991(C)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 17:3996(B)(34) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation

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10 C. A charter school shall:

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12 (6) Employ instructional staff ~~who have at least a baccalaureate degree and~~
13 who shall be subject to all provisions of state law relative to background checks
14 applicable to the employment of public school personnel. A charter school shall
15 employ as teachers only persons who hold valid teaching certificates issued by the
16 state Department of Education; however, if no otherwise qualified applicant for
17 employment in a specific teaching position holds such a certificate, the charter
18 school may employ in that position a teacher who does not hold a certificate but who
19 has at least a baccalaureate degree.

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1 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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3 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
4 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
5 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
6 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
7 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
8 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
9 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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11 (34) Teacher qualifications as required by R.S. 17:3991(C)(6).

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to employment eligibility requirements for teachers in charter schools.

Present law provides requirements with respect to charter schools.

Present law requires charter schools to employ instructional staff who have at least a baccalaureate degree and who shall be subject to all provisions of state law relative to background checks applicable to the employment of public school personnel.

Proposed law requires charter schools to employ only persons who hold valid teaching certificates issued by the state Dept. of Education as teachers; however, if there is no applicant who meets the requirements of proposed law, the charter school may employ a teacher who has at least a baccalaureate degree.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(C)(6); Adds R.S. 17:3996(B)(34))