

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 36

BY SENATOR BROWN

SCHOOLS. Requires notification to certain elected officials regarding submission and status of certain charter school applications. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3983.1, relative to charter schools; to require a chartering group to notify
3 certain legislators upon submission of an initial charter school proposal or
4 application; to specify the information to be included in such notification; to require
5 additional notification regarding the disposition of such submission; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3983.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§3983.1. Initial charter school proposals and applications; notification to state**
10 **legislators**

11 **A.(1) At the time a chartering group submits its initial proposal or**
12 **application to operate a charter school to the appropriate chartering authority**
13 **pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, the chartering authority shall notify**
14 **each state senator and state representative in whose district the charter school**
15 **is to be located that such proposal or application has been submitted. Such**
16 **notification shall be limited to the date the proposal or application was**
17 **submitted, the chartering authority to which the proposal or application was**

1 **submitted, the type of charter school the chartering group seeks to operate, and**
 2 **the location of the proposed charter school.**

3 **(2) The chartering authority shall also notify each state senator and state**
 4 **representative in whose district the charter school is to be located whether the**
 5 **proposal or application to operate a charter school was approved or denied.**

6 **(3) The notifications required by this Section shall be sent by both postal**
 7 **mail and electronic mail to each legislator's district office.**

8 **B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to renewals of the**
 9 **charter of an existing charter school.**

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 14 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston. The following
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
 prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

Brown (SB 36)

Proposed law provides that at the time a initial charter school proposal or application is submitted, the chartering authority shall notify each legislator in whose district the proposed charter school is to be located that the application has been submitted. Provides that the notification shall be limited to the date the proposal or application was submitted, the chartering authority to which the proposal or application was submitted, the type of charter school the chartering group seeks to operate, and the location of the proposed charter school.

Proposed law additionally requires the chartering authority to notify each legislator in whose district the proposed charter school is to be located whether such proposal or application was accepted or denied.

Proposed law provides that such notifications shall be made by both postal mail and electronic mail to each legislator's district office.

Proposed law provides that proposed law does not apply to renewals of the charter of an existing charter school.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3983.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Provides that notifications to legislators regarding charter school applications shall be given by the chartering authority instead of the group submitting the application.
2. Provides that the notification is limited to the specified information instead of including the information.
3. Provides that notification be sent to each legislator's district office by postal mail and electronic mail instead of by certified mail.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.