

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 95

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to virtual charter schools. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact Part III-A of Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3985, relative to charter schools; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the student membership count and the funding of virtual charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part III-A of Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3985, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART III-A. VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

§3985. Virtual charter schools; definition; student membership count; funding

A. As used in this Chapter, "virtual charter school" means a Type 2 charter school through which instruction is conducted primarily through the internet and at which physical daily attendance of students is not required.

B.(1) The student membership count of a virtual charter school shall include only students who are enrolled in at least three courses each semester that provide for Carnegie unit credits.

(2) The student membership count of a virtual charter school shall not

- (1) A student who was included in the school's membership count for the prior year but who failed to earn at least six Carnegie unit credits by the end of the academic year.
- (2) A student who is included in the most recent student membership count of a local school district.

Proposed law provides that the per pupil amount provided to a virtual charter school shall be computed annually and shall be equal to seventy percent of the per pupil allocation provided to charter schools as provided in present law.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3985)