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Abstract: Provides relative to considerations the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and local school boards shall make in their review of charter proposals and that BESE shall make in entering into proposed charters and recruiting chartering groups.

Present law provides that its purpose as it pertains to charter schools is to provide opportunities for educators and others interested in educating students to form, operate, or be employed within a charter school designed to accomplish one or more of the following objectives:

- (1) Improve learning and, in general, the public school system.
- (2) Increase learning opportunities and access to quality education.
- (3) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods and a variety of governance, management, and administrative structures.
- (4) Require appropriate assessment and measurement of academic learning results.
- (5) Account better and more thoroughly for educational results.
- (6) Create new professional opportunities for teachers and other school employees, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

Present law requires BESE and local school boards, when reviewing a charter proposal and recruiting chartering groups, to consider whether they offer potential for fulfilling these present law purposes. Proposed law requires consideration of whether the charters or groups offer a *substantial likelihood* for fulfilling present law purposes.

(Amends R.S. 17:3981(2), (4), and (8) and 3982(A)(1)(a)(i))