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2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 95

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to the return of certain schools in the Recovery School District to the transferring school board. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.7.1(F)(1), relative to the return of certain schools from the Recovery School District to the transferring school system; to provide relative to the duties and responsibilities of the local school superintendent with respect to charter schools; to provide relative to board action on certain charter-related recommendations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:10.7.1 (F)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§10.7.1. Return of certain schools from the Recovery School District to the transferring school system; time line; conditions; funding

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F. In order to determine quality standards for all schools and intervene appropriately in instances when student needs are not being met, the local superintendent shall:

(1)~~(a)~~ Present recommendations to the local school board regarding the approval, extension, renewal, or revocation of the charter for any charter school under the board's jurisdiction.

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~~(b)~~ Unless rejected by a ~~two-thirds~~ vote ~~of the full membership~~ of the board, **in accordance with board policy,** the local superintendent may implement any such recommendation submitted to the board.

~~(c) Any action by the board to reject a recommendation made by the local superintendent pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall occur no later than the first board meeting held after the meeting during which the recommendation was submitted to the board.~~

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the return of certain charter schools from the Recovery School District (RSD) to the transferring local school system.

Present law requires the local school superintendent to present recommendations to the local school board regarding the approval, extension, renewal, or revocation of the charter for any charter school under the board's jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the local superintendent may implement any recommendation regarding the extension, renewal, or revocation of a charter of a charter school, unless it is rejected by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the board. Further provides that board action to reject a recommendation made by the local superintendent shall occur no later than the first board meeting held after the meeting during which the recommendation was submitted to the board.

Proposed law removes the 2/3 vote requirement and the requirement that board action to reject the local superintendent's recommendation must occur within 30 days after the meeting during which the recommendation was submitted and instead provides that the local board shall vote on recommendations made by the local superintendent regarding charter extension, renewal, or revocation in accordance with board policy.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:10.7.1(F)(1))

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