Existing law provides that the office of charitable gaming may license charitable organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance.

New law adds private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools and public elementary or secondary schools to the list of organizations authorized to hold and operate certain games of chance.

Existing law allows the office to license certain organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance without the organization having to qualify with the IRS for a federal income tax exemption.

New law adds private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools and public elementary or secondary schools to existing law.

Existing law provides for definitions for the following terms: booster club, civic or service association, Mardi Gras carnival organization, parent-teacher association, public institution of higher education, and volunteer fire company.

New law provides for a definition for "private nonprofit elementary or secondary school" and "public elementary or secondary school".

Existing law provides that any club, organization, group, or association which has a membership comprised exclusively of children enrolled in a public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary school and which is approved to conduct activities in such school by the principal of the school in accordance with school board policy shall be exempt from the existing law licensing and reporting procedures in a municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits. Further provides that such club, organization, group, or association shall be exempt from licensing and reporting procedures for the purpose of conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising.

New law retains existing law and provides that a private nonprofit elementary or secondary school and public elementary or secondary school in this state shall be exempt from licensing and reporting procedures in any municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits as provided in existing law. Such private nonprofit school or public school shall be exempted from licensing or reporting procedures only for the conducting of raffles as a means of fund-raising.

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