

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 243

BY SENATOR BOUIE

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to certain schools returned from the Recovery School District.  
(gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.7.1(G)(1) and (2), relative to the return of certain schools  
3 from the Recovery School District; to provide relative to charter school contracts;  
4 to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the local school board and the charter  
5 school acting as its own local education agency; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.7.1(G)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §10.7.1. Return of certain schools from the Recovery School District to the  
10 transferring school system; timeline; conditions; funding

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12 G. In order to ensure the appropriate level of autonomy to enable educators  
13 to successfully prepare students for success in college and career:

14 (1) ~~Unless mutually agreed to by both the charter school's governing~~  
15 ~~authority and the local school board pursuant to a duly authorized resolution adopted~~  
16 ~~by each governing entity, the local school board shall not impede the operational~~  
17 ~~autonomy of~~ **The local school board shall grant operational autonomy to a**

1 charter school under its jurisdiction in the areas of school programming, instruction,  
 2 curriculum, materials and texts, yearly school calendars and daily schedules, hiring  
 3 and firing of personnel, employee performance management and evaluation, terms  
 4 and conditions of employment, teacher or administrator certification, salaries and  
 5 benefits, retirement, collective bargaining, budgeting, purchasing, procurement, and  
 6 contracting for services other than capital repairs and facilities construction.

7 **(a) The operational autonomy that is granted shall apply to charter**  
 8 **schools with a letter grade of "D" or "F" upon review for contract renewal or**  
 9 **extension.**

10 **(b) The areas of operational autonomy granted to the charter school's**  
 11 **governing authority by the local school board shall be defined in the charter**  
 12 **school's contract. The local school board shall not impede any operational**  
 13 **autonomy granted in the charter school's contract.**

14 (2) Each ~~Type 3B charter school and,~~ with **With** the approval of the local  
 15 school board, any ~~other type of~~ charter school under the board's jurisdiction may act  
 16 as its own local educational agency for one or more funding purposes or statutory  
 17 definitions, in accordance with R.S. 17:3995, and rules adopted by the State Board  
 18 of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for the return of schools that were in academic crisis from the Recovery School District to the transferring school system. Provides the process by which the schools shall be returned and the powers and duties of such schools and the local school board.

Present law prohibits the local school board from impeding the operational autonomy of charter schools and lists areas of operational autonomy.

Proposed law requires the local school board to grant operational autonomy to each charter school through the charter contract. Further clarifies the local school board shall not impede the operational autonomy granted in the charter school's contract.

Proposed law provides that operational autonomy that is granted must apply to charter schools with a letter grade of "D" or "F" upon review for contract renewal or extension.

Present law allows a Type 3B charter school to act as its own local education agency. Further requires approval by the local school board for any charter school other than a Type 3B to act as its own local education agency.

Proposed law requires approval by the local school board before any charter school, including Type 3B, may act as its own local educational agency.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:10.7.1(G)(1) and (2))