

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 386

2026 Regular Session

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SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to charter school funding

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Authorizes, with approval of the local school board and in accordance with rules adopted by the board for such purpose, a Type 1, 3, or 3B charter school to be considered the local education agency for *federal* funding purposes and statutory definitions, instead of for *all* funding purposes and statutory definitions.
2. Requires BESE to promulgate rules regarding a Type 1, 3, or 3B charter school that acts as its own local education agency relative to financial and programmatic obligations.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)) provides that a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, Type 3B charter school not acting as its own local education agency (LEA), and Type 4 charter school are all considered an approved public school of the local board for the purposes of funding. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes, with the approval of the local school board, a Type 1 charter school, Type 3 charter school, or Type 3B charter school to be considered the LEA for federal funding purposes and statutory definitions in accordance with rules adopted by the local school board.

Present law additionally provides that Type 2 charter schools and a Type 3B charter school acting as its own LEA shall receive a per pupil amount each year authorized by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) as provided in the minimum foundation program formula. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 17:3995(H)) requires any Type 2 or 5 charter school to be considered the LEA for funding purposes and statutory definitions pursuant to rules adopted by BESE. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires BESE to adopt rules regarding each Type 1, 3, and 3B charter school that serves as its own LEA that do the following:

- (1) Delineate the financial and programmatic obligations of the school related to the receipt of federal funds.
- (2) Authorize the state superintendent of education to rescind a school's authority to act as its own LEA if it fails to meet obligations pursuant to (1) above.

(Amends R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(intro. para.) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and (I))