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HOUSE BILL NO. 662

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

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to notification provided by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to charter applicants upon the denial of charter proposals

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3981(2), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the
3 powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
4 relative to charter schools; to require the state board to include certain information
5 in notifications provided to charter applicants relative to the board's denial of a
6 charter proposals; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3981(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3981. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; powers and duties
10 relative to charter schools

11 The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

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13 (2) Enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and the
14 rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines is
15 a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that
16 offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter. When the state board
17 denies any charter proposal pursuant to any provision of this Chapter, it shall provide
18 written notification to the charter applicant that includes an explanation of the reason
19 for such denial.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires BESE, when it denies any charter proposal, to provide written notification to the charter applicant that includes an explanation of the reason for such denial.

Present law establishes certain powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) relative to charter schools, including requiring BESE to enter into proposed charters that comply with present law and BESE policy and that meet certain other criteria.

Proposed law additionally requires BESE, when it denies any charter proposal, to provide written notification to the charter applicant that includes an explanation of the reason for such denial. (Present law applies this same requirement to local charter authorizers and local school boards upon denial of charter proposals.)

(Amends R.S. 17:3981(2))