

New law provides that parents of students attending a school that is directly operated by the Recovery School District (RSD), that has not been identified for conversion to a charter school pursuant to a charter contract between the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and a nonprofit charter organization, and that had a letter grade of "D" or "F" for five consecutive years while under the jurisdiction of the RSD may submit a petition to BESE requesting that the school be returned to the local school system from which it was transferred. Requires approval of BESE and the respective local school board for such transfer to occur. Requires signatures of parents representing at least a majority of the students who have been enrolled in the school for at least two years. Requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations for implementation of the petition process, including a petition format and submission process, signature validation procedures, timelines, and student transfer procedures. Prohibits the use of local school and school district resources to support or oppose any effort by parents to gather signatures or submit petitions.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.5(G))