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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends petition procedures for removal of schools from the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District (RSD) and expands application of present law relative to such removal.

Present law provides that parents of students attending a school that is directly operated by the RSD, that has been rated as a "D" or "F" school for five years and that has not been identified for conversion to a charter school pursuant to a charter contract between the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and a nonprofit charter organization may submit a petition to BESE requesting that the school be returned to the local school system from which it was transferred. Proposed law removes provision limiting applicability of present law to schools that have not been identified for conversion to a charter school pursuant to present law.

Present law requires a petition signed by parents representing at least a majority of the students in the school in order for the school to be removed from the jurisdiction of the RSD. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes parents of a student who has been enrolled in the failing school for at least two years to sign the petition to remove the school from the RSD's jurisdiction. Proposed law authorizes any parent with a student enrolled in the school to sign the petition, regardless of the length of time the student has been enrolled in the school.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.5(G)(1)(intro. para.) and (a))