

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

SCHOOLS. Requests BESE and Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to the funding of Type 2 charter schools in Lafayette Parish.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to the funding of Type 2 charter schools located in Lafayette Parish and schools under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Parish School System with regard to the local taxation measures approved by the voters.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for Type 2 public charter schools to be authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3981 provides that the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education "shall enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines is a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter"; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 public charter schools are funded in accordance with R.S. 17:3995 and the Minimum Foundation Program formula and are entitled to an equitable per pupil allocation from such formula; and

WHEREAS, city, parish, and other local public school boards are authorized to receive locally generated revenues through taxation measures approved by voters; and

1 WHEREAS, the voters of Lafayette Parish have approved measures to dedicate
2 revenues to public schools; and

3 WHEREAS, schools under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Parish School System
4 and state-authorized Type 2 charter schools are public schools.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary
7 Education and the Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to the funding of
8 Type 2 charter schools located in Lafayette Parish and schools under the jurisdiction of the
9 Lafayette Parish School System with regard to the local taxation measures approved by the
10 voters.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such study shall consider and make
12 recommendations relative to the impact of dedicated local revenues on the equitable funding
13 of all public schools located within Lafayette Parish and that a report be submitted to the
14 Senate Committee on Education no later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2015
15 Regular Session.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 president of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state
18 superintendent of education, the president of the Lafayette Parish School Board, and the
19 superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

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SR No. 194

Requests BESE and the Lafayette Parish School System to study issues relative to Type 2 charter school funding in Lafayette Parish. Requires report to the Senate Committee on Education no later than 60 days prior to the 2015 RS.