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Abstract: Subjects charter schools to the same State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules and regulations as traditional public schools with respect to employment eligibility requirements for teachers and other school employees.

Present law requires charter schools to employ instructional staff who have at least a baccalaureate degree. Proposed law instead requires charter schools to employ only those teachers and other school employees who meet all eligibility requirements of those holding equivalent positions in traditional public schools as provided by law and in rules and regulations adopted by BESE.

Present law provides that all provisions of state law relative to background checks applicable to the employment of public school personnel also apply to charter school instructional staff. Proposed law broadens the application of this requirement so that it covers all charter school employees.

Present law generally exempts charter schools from all rules and regulations applicable to public schools. Specifies several exceptions to this general exemption. Proposed law adds employment eligibility requirements for teachers and other school employees to this list of exceptions to the general exemption.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(C)(6); Adds R.S. 17:3996(A)(18))