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Abstract: Permits a local public school board in a district that has one or more charter schools and uses a single application for public school enrollment to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of a student's parent or legal guardian.

Present law provides relative to charter school requirements, limitations, and prohibitions. Requires that charter school admission requirements be consistent with the school's role, scope, and mission. Requires that the admission requirements include a system for admission decisions which precludes exclusion of students based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, intelligence level, or identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in present law. Provides that such requirements may include specific requirements related to a school's mission such as auditions or proficiency in a foreign language. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits local school boards from assigning students to attend a charter school. Proposed law exempts from this prohibition a local public school board in a district that has one or more charter schools and uses a single application for public school enrollment. Allows such a board to assign students to charter schools based on the preferences of the parents.

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(B)(3))