

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1088

BY REPRESENTATIVES STOKES AND HILFERTY

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to district-level policies for the allocation of public school funding in certain parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3995(A)(3)(b), relative to charter school funding; to provide  
3 relative to the allocation of minimum foundation program formula funds according  
4 to a district-level computation in certain parishes; to require such allocation to  
5 include the full amount of state funds allocated pursuant to the formula; to provide  
6 relative to the allocation of local funds; to require the local school board to establish  
7 certain regulations and procedures; to require that such regulations and procedures  
8 be approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to  
9 provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:3995(A)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §3995. Charter school funding

13 A.

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15 (3) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and unless otherwise  
16 provided for in the approved minimum foundation program formula:

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18 (b)(i) Beginning July 1, 2016, for a district with one or more Type 3B charter  
19 schools in a parish that contains a municipality with a population of three hundred  
20 thousand or more persons according to the latest federal decennial census, the total

1 amount of minimum foundation program formula funds allocated to the local school  
2 board and to Type 1, 1B, 3, 3B, 4, and 5 charter schools that are located within the  
3 district shall be allocated using a district-level computation based on student  
4 characteristics or needs as determined by the state board. The state Department of  
5 Education shall facilitate a collaborative process that includes representatives from  
6 the Recovery School District, the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools,  
7 any affected local school board and any organization representing its authorized  
8 charter schools, and advocates for students with disabilities in the development of  
9 the district-level allocation policy that shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

10 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, the  
11 amount of minimum foundation program formula funds allocated to the local school  
12 board in such a district and to Type 1, 1B, 3, 3B, 4, and 5 charter schools that are  
13 located within such a district and serve students with exceptionalities as defined in  
14 R.S. 17:1942 or that provide technical education courses shall include the full  
15 amount of state funds allocated pursuant to the minimum foundation program  
16 formula adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and  
17 approved by the legislature. If the school board or local superintendent determines  
18 that additional funds are needed to educate students with exceptionalities as defined  
19 in R.S. 17:1942 or students meeting additional characteristics or needs as approved  
20 by the state board, the formula by which the local portion of funds shall be allocated  
21 shall be designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be  
22 afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential and shall be in  
23 accordance with Article VIII, Section 13(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana. The  
24 local school board shall establish and maintain regulations and procedures to ensure  
25 that students meeting these additional characteristics or needs and their parents are  
26 provided procedural safeguards with respect to the provision of free and appropriate  
27 public education. These regulations and procedures shall be approved by the state  
28 board prior to the distribution of funds and shall allow sufficient time for the charter

