

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Prohibits the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from authorizing charter schools under certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3981(2), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the
3 approval of proposed charter schools by the State Board of Elementary and
4 Secondary Education; to provide for prohibitions, conditions, and exceptions relative
5 to such approval; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3981(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3981. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; powers and duties
9 relative to charter schools

10 The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

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12 (2)(a) Enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and
13 the rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines
14 is a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal
15 that offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter.

16 (b)(i) However, except as provided in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, the
17 state board shall not enter into a proposed charter if the proposed school would be
18 located in a school system that, in its most recent evaluation under the school and
19 district accountability system, received a letter grade designation of "A" or "B" or
20 any variation thereof and the school board that governs the local school system
21 previously denied or placed conditions on the same or a substantially similar
22 proposal.

