

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 703

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

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 the approval of proposed charter schools;
3 to prohibit the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from authorizing
4 a charter school if the proposed charter was previously denied or conditioned by the
5 local school board and other specified conditions are met; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

11 The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

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13 (2) Enter into any proposed charter that complies with this Chapter and the
14 rules adopted pursuant to the authority in this Chapter that the board determines is
15 a valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound proposal that
16 offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter. However, the state board
17 shall not enter into a proposed charter if the proposed school would be located in a
18 school system that, in its most recent evaluation under the school and district
19 accountability system, received a letter grade designation of "A", "B", or "C" or any
20 variation thereof and the school board that governs the local school system

