

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 379

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR (BY REQUEST)

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to the size of secondary school classes. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:174(A) and to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(34), relative to schools and school children; to provide for class size for public and charter secondary school core curriculum classes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:174(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3996(B)(34) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§174. Class size; maximum

A. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, on and after September 15, 1986, the number of students in any class in kindergarten through third grade in any public city or parish school system shall not exceed twenty, except physical education classes, unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the State Superintendent of Education based upon regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such authorization shall be granted only on an individual basis with respect to each class.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, on or after August 1, 2014, the number of students in any core curriculum class in a secondary school

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in any public city or parish school system shall not exceed twenty-five.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(34) Maximum class size for secondary school core curriculum classes,

R.S. 17:174(A)(2).

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 379)

Proposed law provides that on or after August 1, 2014, the number of students in any core curriculum class in a secondary school in any public city or parish school system or in a charter school shall not exceed 25.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:174(A); adds R.S. 17:3996(B)(34))