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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, March 19, 2012

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:00 P.M., by the Honorable Chuck Kleckley, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker Geymann Miller
Abramson Gisclair Montoucet
Adams Greene Moreno
Anders Guillory Morris, Jay
Armes Harris Morris, Jim
Arnold Harrison Norton
Badon Havard Ortego
Barras Hargrave Pearson
Barrow Hazel Pierre
Berthelot Henry Ponti
Billiot Hensgens Pope
Bishop, S. Hill Price
Bishop, W. Hodges Pugh
Broadwater Hoffmann Pylant
Brossett Hollis Reynolds
Brown Honore Richard
Burns, H. Hunter Ritchie
Burns, T. Huval Robideaux
Burrell Jackson, G. Schexnayder
Carmody Jackson, K. Schroder
Carter James Seabaugh
Champagne Jefferson Shadoin
Chaney Johnson Smith
Cox Jones St. Germain
Cromer Lambert Talbot
Danahay Landry, N. Thibaut
Dixon Landry, T. Thierry
Edwards LeBas Thompson
Fannin Leger Whitney
Foil Lepold Williams, A.
Franklin Ligi Williams, P.
Gaines Lorusso Willmott
Garofalo Mack

Total - 101

The Speaker announced that there were 101 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward, Ethicist and Coordinator of Chaplain Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Pylant led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Hill, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.


Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW
A RESOLUTION
To commend ExxonMobil and recognize Monday, March 19, 2012, as ExxonMobil Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Barrow, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI
A RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Donald Joseph Grush.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Ligi, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER
A RESOLUTION
To commend Harry Lee Sluss of New Orleans on the occasion of his one hundred second birthday.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Leger, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the dedication of the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize it as a great place to visit.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Smith, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.
To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.472(I)(1), relative to the

To enact R.S. 33:2481.5, relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide

To enact R.S. 42:1123(18)(b), relative to ethics; to allow a member

To repeal R.S. 25:745(A)(2), relative to historic preservation districts

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:392(B)(3)(b)(i), relative to the St.

titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their
titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

The following named members introduced the following House
Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their
titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:392(B)(3)(b)(i), relative to the St.
Landry Parish Excellence Fund; to provide for use of monies
appropriated from the fund; and to provide for related matters.

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9613(A)(2) and (B) through (G) and
Sections 15 and 16 of Act No. 804 of the 1975 Regular Session
of the Legislature to properties included in such exemption; and
to provide for related matters.

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9613(A)(2) and (B) through (G) and
9614(B) and (C), to enact R.S. 33:9613(H) and (I) and 9614(D),
and to repeal R.S. 33:9613(A)(3), relative to local ethics entities,
including but not limited to an ethics review board or office of
inspector general in the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson,
and Orleans; to provide relative to subpoena powers; to provide
for protective orders; to provide relative to enforcement of subpoenas; to provide relative to the privileged
nature of certain documents; to provide relative to public access
to public documents; and to provide for related matters.

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9038.59(G), relative to the Orleans
City Park Taxing District; to provide relative to state sales tax
increments for such purpose; to establish the BioDistrict
Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:6301,
relative to sales and use tax rebates; to establish the BioDistrict
New Orleans Tax Rebate program; to provide for a state and
local sales and use tax rebate program in Jefferson and Orleans
parishes; to provide for certain eligibility requirements and
limitations; to authorize the payment of such rebates; to provide
for the administration of the program; to provide for an effective
date; and to provide for related matters.

To enact R.S. 46:10531(Q)(3), relative to the parish of Concordia; to
provide relative to the governing board of Concordia Parish
Hospital Service District Number One; to increase the maximum
per diem authorized to be paid to members of such board for attending board meetings; to provide relative to the number of meetings for which board members may be paid; and
to provide for related matters.

To enact R.S. 47:364, relative to the levy and collection of

To enact R.S. 33:130.472(I)(1), relative to the Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District; to provide relative to meetings of the board of commissioners of the
district; and to provide for related matters.

To amend and reenact Section 1(A) of Act No. 57 of the 2005
Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 79
of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature,
relative to the Grand Isle Port Commission; to provide relative
to the use of certain waters for seafood production research; to
provide relative to the specification of the boundaries and size of the area in which the research will be done; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 997—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH**
**AN ACT**
To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3504(B), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners; to provide for membership; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 998—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE GIROD JACKSON**
**AN ACT**
To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(j) and (k), relative to investments by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the power of municipalities, parishes, school boards, and other political subdivisions to invest their monies; to provide requirements relative to the investment of such monies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 309—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES**
**AN ACT**
To enact R.S. 33:9097.13, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Park Forest Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, and governance of the district; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide for the levy of a parcel fee within the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 996—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN**
**AN ACT**
To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.10(F) and to enact R.S. 38:2212.10(G), relative to public works contracts; to clarify the application of E-Verify; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Ponti, the bill was withdrawn from the files of the House.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 974—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, KLECKLEY, BROADWATER, CHAMPAGNE, CONNICK, HENRY, HENSENS, LORUSSO, PONTI, ROBIDEAUX, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, TALBOT, AND THOMPSON AND SENATORS ALARIO AND APPEL**
**AN ACT**
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:54(B)(1)(b)(i) and (iii), 81(A) and (P)(1), 81.4, 229, and 414.1, 441, 442, 443, and 444(B)(1), to enact R.S. 17:418 and 532(C), and to repeal R.S. 17:44, 45, 81(1), 154.2, 235.1(E), 346.1, 419, 419.1, 420, 421, 421.1, 421.2, 421.3, 421.5, 422, 422.1, 422.2, 422.3, 422.4, 422.5, 431, 444(A) and (B)(2) and (3), 446, 461 through 464, and 1207, relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide with respect to teachers and other school employees; to provide with respect to local school superintendents, their employment, and their duties and responsibilities; to provide relative to local school boards and their functions and powers; to provide relative to school personnel decisions; to provide relative to school board reduction in force policies; to provide with respect to the salaries and compensation of teachers and other school employees; to provide relative to tenures for school employees and the removal of tenured and nontenured teachers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 974 by Representative Carter

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 24, after "contract" and before "between" insert "executed, negotiated, or renegotiated after July 1, 2012, executed, negotiated, or renegotiated after July 1, 2012, "

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, delete line 26 in its entirety and insert "is null and void."

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, line 14, after "enrolled" and before "under" delete "is schools" and insert "in schools"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 3, at the beginning of line 15, change "(2)" to "(2)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 4, line 12, after "superintendent," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 13 through 15 in their entirety

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 5, line 2, after "seniority" delete the remainder of the line and insert "or tenure be used as the primary criterion for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters."
AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 14, after "a" and before "shall" delete "local school board" and insert "superintendent"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 7, line 7, after "seniority" and before "to be" delete "as a factor" insert "or tenure as the primary criterion"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 8, line 22, after "subject area" and before "area of" delete "or" and insert a comma ,

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 8, at the end of line 22, after "certification" change the period . to a comma , and insert "particular school need, or geographic area."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, line 26, after "receive a" delete the remainder of the line and insert "higher salary in the year following the evaluation than he received in the year of the evaluation."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 9, line 10, after "teacher" and before "has" insert "or other school employee who"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 9, line 11, after "board" and before "policy" insert "or special school district"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 9, line 12, after "teacher" and before "shall" insert "or other school employee"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 10, line 26, after "board" and before "acquire" delete "but may" and insert "the special school district but shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 11, at the end of line 14, after "respond," insert "The teacher shall have seven days to respond, and such response shall be included in the teacher's personnel file."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 11, line 21, after "respond" and before "the" change the comma , to a period . and delete "at which time" and insert "The teacher shall have seven days to respond, and such response shall be included in the teacher's personnel file. At the end of this seven-day time period."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 11, line 21, after "employment." insert "A teacher shall not be terminated for an "ineffective" performance rating until completion of the grievance procedure established pursuant to R.S. 17:3883(A)(5) if a grievance was timely filed."

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 11, line 22, after "teacher" and before "shall" insert "may request and upon request"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 11, line 23, after "composed of" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 24 and 25, and insert "a designee of the superintendent, a designee of the principal or the administrative head of the state special school in which the teacher was employed, and a designee of the teacher. In no case shall the superintendent, the principal or state special school administrative head, or teacher designate an immediate family member or any full-time employee of the school system by which the teacher was employed who is under the supervision of the person making the designation. Such"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 11, line 26, after "teacher" change the period . to a comma , and delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 27 and 28 and insert "and shall occur within ten business days after the teacher's dismissal."

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 12, at the end of line 7, after "hearing." insert "For the purpose of conducting hearings hereunder, the board panel shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of all witnesses."

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 12, line 10, after "right" and before "a court" delete "of appeal to" and insert "to seek supervisory review from"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 12, line 20, delete "If a tenure hearing panel", delete line 21, and at the beginning of line 22, delete "employment," and insert "The tenure hearing panel shall submit its recommendation to the superintendent, and the superintendent may choose to reinstate the teacher. If the superintendent does not reinstate the teacher,"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 12, line 24, after "review" and before "the action" insert "whether"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 12, line 24, after "supervisor" delete "or the special school district but shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 12, line 26, after "matter." and before "If" insert "The record on review shall be limited to evidence presented to the tenure hearing panel, and the court shall give preferential scheduling to review the matter."

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 12, line 26, after "If the" and before "of the" insert "action"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 13, line 13, after "system" and before "is" insert "of the special school district"

On motion of Rep. Carter, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Carter, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.
HOUSE BILL NO. 976—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, KLECKLEY, BROADWATER, CHAMPAGNE, CONNICK, HENRY, HENSSENS, LORUSSO, PONTI, ROBIDEAUX, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, TALBOT, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:158(A)(1), 3973(3) through (6), 3982(A)(1)(a) and (B), and 3983(A)(2)(a)(i), (3)(a), and (4)(a), (b), and (d), (B)(2), and (D), 3991(B)(3) and (13), (C)(1)(e)(iv) and (6), (D)(2)(a)(i), and (H), 3992(A)(1), 3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (c) and (4)(a), 3996(C) and (G), 3998, 4001(A) and (C)(1) and (2), and 4011 through 4025, to enact R.S. 17:10.5(F), 3973(2)(b)(vi) and (7), 3981(7) and (8), 3982(A)(1)(a) and (2) and (B), 3983(A)(2)(a)(i), 3985(A)(2)(a)(ii), 3989(A)(1)(a)(iv), 3992(D), and Part VII of Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4002.1 through 4002.6, and to repeal R.S. 17:3991(B)(9) and 3996(A)(16) and (B)(4), relative to school choice; to provide relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program; to provide relative to program eligibility and participation requirements for students and schools; to provide relative to selection and enrollment of eligible students; to provide relative to funding and payments to eligible schools including eligible nonpublic schools; to provide for reports; to provide for the submission of petitions by parents requesting that a school be transferred to the Recovery School District under certain conditions; to require rules and regulations to be adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for the petition process; to change charter proposal submission time lines; to provide a mechanism for Type 1 and Type 3 charter schools to convert to a Type 2 charter school under certain conditions; to authorize the state board to allow the state superintendent of education and the superintendent of the Recovery School District to amend the charter of Type 5 charter schools to accommodate a unified enrollment system; to modify the initial charter period; to provide for charter school admission requirements; to allow foreign language immersion schools to establish special admission standards; to provide for the qualifications of teachers; to provide relative to the evaluation of charter school teachers and other school employees; to provide relative to teacher certification requirements; to remove the requirement that charter schools comply with laws relative to the length of the school year; to provide for the Course Choice Program; to provide for program definitions and funding; to provide for the powers of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and local public school systems relative to course providers; to provide relative to entities that authorize charter schools; to provide for certification of certain state agencies and nonprofit corporations as charter authorizers; to provide relative to the responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education with respect to certification of such authorizers; to provide relative to requirements, powers, responsibilities, and limitations of such authorizers; to provide relative to schools whose charter is authorized by such entities, including matters related to funding for such schools; to provide for procedures, processes, fees, and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 976 by Representative Carter

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 5, after "(paragraph)" change "and (c)," to "and (c) and (4)(a),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 6, after "3973(2)(b)(vi)" delete the comma "," and change "(7), and (8)," to "and (7),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 7, after "3982(A)(3)" delete the remainder of the line, insert a comma ",” and insert "3983(A)(2)(a)(ii) and (d) and (3)(d) and (E)(3), 3992(D), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, at the end of line 22, change ",(2)," to ",(2) and (B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, change "3983(A)(3)(a)," to "3983(A)(2)(a)(ii), (3)(a), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 2, line 24, after "3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph)" change "and (c)," to "and (c) and (4)(a),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 2, line 26, after "3973(2)(b)(vi)" delete the comma "," and change "(7), and (8)," to "and (7),"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 2, line 27, after "3982(A)(3)" delete the remainder of the line, insert a comma ",” and insert "3983(A)(2)(a)(ii) and (d) and (3)(d) and (E)(3), 3992(D), and Part VII of Chapter 42"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 3, line 5, after "public school" and before "shall" delete "or public charter school"

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 5, line 22, after "agreements with" delete the remainder of the line and insert "chartering groups"

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 6, delete lines 5, 6, and 7

AMENDMENT NO. 13
On page 6, line 26, after "state." delete the remainder of the line and delete the remainder of the page and insert "The application shall allow a potential chartering group to propose any number of charter schools through a single application"

AMENDMENT NO. 14
On page 7, line 1, change "charter operators" to "chartering groups"

AMENDMENT NO. 15
On page 7, line 3, change "Industry Based Certifications," to "industry-based certifications,"
AMENDMENT NO. 16
On page 7, line 21, after "assets" and before "as" insert "net of liabilities"

AMENDMENT NO. 17
On page 7, line 27, after "and" and before "the" change "ensures" to "assures"

AMENDMENT NO. 18
On page 8, line 6, after "Certify" and before "than" change "fewer" to "not more"

AMENDMENT NO. 19
On page 8, line 7, change "Regional Labor Market Area," to "regional labor market area,"

AMENDMENT NO. 20
On page 8, line 13, after "(6)" delete "The state board shall monitor" and insert "Monitor"

AMENDMENT NO. 21
On page 8, at the beginning of line 25, change "C. to "C.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 22
On page 8, line 26, after "thereof" delete the comma ",".

AMENDMENT NO. 23
On page 9, at the beginning of line 3, change "D. to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 24
On page 9, line 4, after "thereof" delete the comma ",".

AMENDMENT NO. 25
On page 9, line 6, between "the transfer" and "the charter" insert "of"

AMENDMENT NO. 26
On page 9, at the beginning of line 8, change "E. to "D."

AMENDMENT NO. 27
On page 9, delete lines 15 and 16, and insert the following:

"E. If the average performance of the charter schools authorized by the local charter authorizer is a letter grade of "C" or any variation thereof after any three-year review, the local charter authorizer may not authorize any additional schools until the average performance of those schools is a letter grade of "A" or "B" or any variation thereof. If the average performance of the charter schools authorized by the local charter authorizer is a letter grade of "D" or "F" or any variation thereof after any three-year review, the state board shall cancel the local charter authorizer's certification and provide for the transfer of those schools to the state board as Type 2 or Type 3 charter schools."

AMENDMENT NO. 28
On page 9, delete line 17, and insert "F. The state board may rescind a charter approval"

AMENDMENT NO. 29
On page 9, line 18, change "charter operator should" to "chartering group if"

AMENDMENT NO. 30
On page 9, line 19, after "state board" change "find" to "finds"

AMENDMENT NO. 31
On page 11, delete lines 3 through 12 and insert the following:

"(3) If a charter applicant believes that a local charter authorizer has not complied with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection in its evaluation of an application, the charter applicant may submit its proposal to the state board for its review and approval as a Type 2 charter. If the state board determines that the local charter authorizer failed to comply with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, it shall notify the local charter authorizer of that determination and may proceed with its own review of the charter application. The state board shall review each"

AMENDMENT NO. 32
On page 13, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the following:

"(3) If a charter applicant believes that a local school board has not complied with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection in its evaluation of an application, the charter applicant may submit its proposal to the state board for its review and approval as a Type 2 charter. If the state board determines that the school board failed to comply with Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, it shall notify the school board of that determination and may proceed with its own review of the charter application. The state board shall review each"

AMENDMENT NO. 33
On page 13, delete lines 12 through 17, and insert the following:

"B. Local school boards shall make available to chartering groups any vacant school facilities or any facility slated to be vacant for lease or purchase up to fair market value. In the case of a Type 1B or a Type 2 charter school created as a result of a conversion, the facility and all property within the existing school shall be made available to that chartering group. In return for the use of the facility and its contents, the chartering group shall pay a proportionate share of the local school board's bonded indebtedness to be calculated in the same manner as set forth in R.S. 17:1990(C)(2)(a)(i). If such facilities were constructed at no cost to the local school board, then such facilities, including all equipment, books, instructional materials, and furniture within such facilities, shall be provided to the charter school at no cost."

AMENDMENT NO. 34
On page 13, delete line 22 and insert the following:

"(2)(a)(i) Each proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school shall first be made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is to be located, except in the case of a local system in academic crisis as provided for in Item (iii) of (ii) or (iii) of this Subparagraph, involving the submission of a written proposal. If, after review as required by R.S. 17:3982, the local school board denies the proposal, or if conditions placed on the proposal by the local school board, as provided in Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section, are not acceptable to those proposing the charter the chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education state board.

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(iii) If the local school system in which a chartering group intends to apply to operate a school has received a letter grade designation of "D" or "F" or any variation thereof, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the state board.

AMENDMENT NO. 35
On page 13, line 25, after "required by" change "R.S. 17:3982.1," to "R.S. 17:3981.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 36
On page 14, line 8, after "qualified" change "charter operators" to "chartering groups"

AMENDMENT NO. 37
On page 14, line 10, after "performance of" change "charter operators" to "chartering groups"

AMENDMENT NO. 38
On page 14, line 12, after "(ii)" change "Charter operators" to "Chartering groups"

AMENDMENT NO. 39
On page 14, delete lines 13 through 20 and insert the following:
"this Subparagraph are eligible to apply for and be granted approval of multiple charter agreements through a single application; however, even if multiple charter agreements are approved pursuant to a single application, the chartering group shall open only one school at a time. Only after each such school meets specified performance targets, as determined by the chartering authority, may the chartering group open a subsequent approved school."

AMENDMENT NO. 40
On page 15, line 8, after "17:3981(4)" insert a comma "," and delete the remainder of the line and insert "3981.2(A)(1)(a), or 3982(A)(1)(a)(i), as applicable."

AMENDMENT NO. 41
On page 15, line 10, after "to the" delete the remainder of the line and on line 11, delete "or state board," and insert "chartering authority,"

AMENDMENT NO. 42
On page 15, line 27, between "board" and "provide" insert "or local charter authorizer"

AMENDMENT NO. 43
On page 16, line 6, after "held in the" change "general" to "geographic"

AMENDMENT NO. 44
On page 16, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:
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AMENDMENT NO. 45
On page 16, delete lines 12 through 16

AMENDMENT NO. 46
On page 17, line 1, between "mission," and "No" insert "Any school which was chartered prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated achievement of a certain academic record as part of its admission requirements may continue to utilize such admission requirements."

AMENDMENT NO. 47
On page 17, line 4, after "'(13)' delete "Manner in which" and insert "Assurance that"

AMENDMENT NO. 48
On page 17, delete line 24

AMENDMENT NO. 49
On page 17, at the beginning of line 25, insert "Employ instructional staff who"

AMENDMENT NO. 50
On page 17, line 25, between "and" and "shall be" insert "who"

AMENDMENT NO. 51
On page 18, line 24, change "H.(1)" to "H."

AMENDMENT NO. 52
On page 18, line 24, between "1," and "2," insert "1B,"

AMENDMENT NO. 53
On page 18, line 27, between "1," and "2," insert "1B,"

AMENDMENT NO. 54
On page 18, line 29, between "authority," and "Charter" insert "Assets that become the property of a local charter authorizer pursuant to this Subsection shall be used solely for purposes of operating charter schools."

AMENDMENT NO. 55
On page 19, line 2, delete "organization" and insert "group"

AMENDMENT NO. 56
On page 19, delete lines 3 through 8

AMENDMENT NO. 57
On page 19, at the end of line 15, delete "initial five-year"

AMENDMENT NO. 58
On page 19, line 29, between "which has" and "met the" insert "received a letter grade designation of "A" or "B" or any variation thereof and has"

AMENDMENT NO. 59
On page 20, at the beginning of line 6, change "charter operator" to "chartering group"

AMENDMENT NO. 60
On page 20, line 7, after "to this" change "Section" to "Subsection"
AMENDMENT NO. 61
On page 20, at the beginning of line 11, change "charter operator" to "chartering group".

AMENDMENT NO. 62
On page 20, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 63
On page 20, line 14, after "A.(1)" delete "Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, for" and insert "For"

AMENDMENT NO. 64
On page 20, line 18, after "charter school." delete the remainder of the line and on line 19, delete "provided by this Subsection;"

AMENDMENT NO. 65
On page 20, line 24, after "formula." delete the remainder of the line and on line 25, delete "of the per pupil amount for administrative purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 66
On page 21, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"(4)(a)  A chartering authority, The state board, a local school board, and a local charter authorizer may annually charge each charter school it authorizes a fee in an amount equal to two percent of the total per pupil amount as defined by this Subsection that is received by a charter school for administrative overhead costs incurred by the chartering authority for considering the charter application and any amendment thereto, providing monitoring and oversight of the school, collecting and analyzing data of the school, and for reporting on school performance.  Such fee amount shall be withheld from the per pupil amount in monthly increments and shall not be applicable to any federal money or grants received by the charter school.  Administrative overhead costs shall not include any cost incurred by the chartering authority to provide purchased services to the charter school.  As provided by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a chartering authority or the Recovery School District, if applicable, may provide other services for a charter school and charge the actual cost of providing such services, but no such arrangement shall be required as a condition for authorizing the charter school.

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AMENDMENT NO. 67
On page 24, line 25, after "by" and before "course" delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 68
On page 25, line 3, after "to" and before "low-performing" change "those students enrolled at" to "students enrolled in"

AMENDMENT NO. 69
On page 25, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"(1)  "Course provider" means an entity that offers individual courses in person or online, including but not limited to online or virtual education providers, postsecondary education institutions, and corporations that offer vocational or technical course work in their field, and have been authorized to provide such courses by the state board."

AMENDMENT NO. 70
On page 25, at the beginning of line 12, change "(1)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 71
On page 25, delete line 19 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 72
On page 25, at the beginning of line 20, change "(d)" to "(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 73
On page 25, at the beginning of line 22, change "(2)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 74
On page 25, delete lines 28, 29, and 30 and on page 26, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

"(c) Is enrolled in a home study program approved by the state board."

AMENDMENT NO. 75
On page 26, line 5, after "to" and before "course" delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 76
On page 26, at the end of line 17, change "R.S. 17:4004(1)(c)" to "R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 77
On page 26, line 18, after "the" and before "course" delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 78
On page 26, line 21, after "requirements" and before "R.S." change "provided in" to "of"

AMENDMENT NO. 79
On page 26, line 27, after "system" and before "in" delete "or other school"

AMENDMENT NO. 80
On page 27, at the end of line 1, delete "student" and at the beginning of line 2, delete "achievement" and insert "academic"

AMENDMENT NO. 81
On page 27, line 27, after "school" and before "shall" change "system" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 82
On page 27, line 28, after "each" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 29 and insert "student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b) and (3)(a) the following shall apply:

AMENDMENT NO. 83
On page 28, delete lines 1 through 12 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(a) Credits earned through the course provider shall appear on each such student’s official transcript and count fully towards the requirements of any approved Louisiana diploma."
(b) Tests required pursuant to R.S. 17:24.4 shall be administered to each such student attending a public school.

(c) All services to which each such student attending public school would be entitled if attending the school in which he is enrolled full time for all courses, including but not limited to special education services pursuant to the student's Individual Education Plan shall be provided.

AMENDMENT NO. 84
On page 28, line 22, change "However, these test scores also" to "The test scores"

AMENDMENT NO. 85
On page 28, delete lines 25 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

"E. Each student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b) and (3)(a) shall enroll in at least one course at the school in which he is enrolled full time."

AMENDMENT NO. 86
On page 29, line 3, after "$4002.6." and before "providers" change 'Per course' to 'Course'

AMENDMENT NO. 87
On page 29, line 4, after "The" delete the remainder of the line and insert "course provider shall receive a course amount for each"

AMENDMENT NO. 88
On page 29, line 14, after "of" and before "course" delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 89
On page 29, at the beginning of line 18, after "(3)" and before "amount" change "An" to "For each student identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) and (b), an"

AMENDMENT NO. 90
On page 29, line 20, after "which" and before "student" change "the eligible funded" to "such"

AMENDMENT NO. 91
On page 29, delete lines 25 through 30 and on page 30, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(d) For students identified in R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(d), the course provider shall receive payment only for the courses in which the student is enrolled in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. The remaining funds for each of these students up to the maximum amount for the parish in which the participating student resides as determined each year by the Minimum Foundation Program or actual tuition and fees, as applicable, shall remain with the participating school in which the student is enrolled in accordance with R.S. 17:4011 through 4025."

AMENDMENT NO. 92
On page 30, line 16, after "which the" and before "course" delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 93
On page 30, at the end of line 17, delete "per"

AMENDMENT NO. 94
On page 30, line 19, after "to" and before "or" change "'exit'" to "'leaving school pursuant to R.S. 17:221'"

AMENDMENT NO. 95
On page 30, at the beginning of line 21, after "(3)" and before "The" delete the period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 96
On page 32, line 13, after "is" and before "Each" change "located. " to "located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District."

AMENDMENT NO. 97
On page 32, line 14, after "system" and before "shall conduct" insert 'or the Recovery School District'

AMENDMENT NO. 98
On page 32, line 17, after "on" delete the remainder of the line and insert "October first and on February first of the most recent school year pursuant to the definition of student membership established by the state board for purposes of the Minimum Foundation program Formula."

AMENDMENT NO. 99
On page 33, line 17, after "grade" and before "and" delete the comma , and insert "and whether the school elects to offer an enrollment preference to a student based on the parish in which the student resides:

AMENDMENT NO. 100
On page 34, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"(iv) Students residing in the parishes as indicated pursuant to the notice of intent, if applicable."

AMENDMENT NO. 101
On page 34, line 18, after "filled" delete the remainder of the line and insert "according to the time line established by the department."

AMENDMENT NO. 102
On page 36, at the beginning of line 2, after "A." change "The state" to "The state"

AMENDMENT NO. 103
On page 36, line 4, after "per" and before "to" change "student" to "pupil"

AMENDMENT NO. 104
On page 36, at the end of line 4, change "participating student" to "scholarship recipient"

AMENDMENT NO. 105
On page 36, at the beginning of line 9, change "If" to "For a participating school that charges tuition, if"

AMENDMENT NO. 106
On page 36, at the beginning of line 13, change "student" to "pupil"
AMENDMENT NO. 107
On page 36, line 14, after "local" and before "school" delete "public."

AMENDMENT NO. 108
On page 36, line 17, after "local" and before "school" delete "public."

AMENDMENT NO. 109
On page 36, delete lines 20, 21, and 22

AMENDMENT NO. 110
On page 36, at the beginning of line 28, change "C." to "B.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 111
On page 37, at the beginning of line 7, change "(1)" to "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 112
On page 37, line 10, after "attending," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 113
On page 37, at the beginning of line 11, change "(2)(a)" to "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 114
On page 37, line 15, after "participating" and before "school" insert "nonpublic"

AMENDMENT NO. 115
On page 37, line 17, after "the" and before "school" change "nonpublic participating" to "participating nonpublic"

AMENDMENT NO. 116
On page 37, line 18, after "the" and before "school's" change "nonpublic participating" to "participating nonpublic"

AMENDMENT NO. 117
On page 37, line 19, after "in" and before "of this" change "Subsections (A) and (B)" to "Subsection A"

AMENDMENT NO. 118
On page 37, delete lines 23 through 25 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(2) To offer special education services pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection, a participating nonpublic school shall meet all of the following criteria:"

AMENDMENT NO. 119
On page 37, at the beginning of line 26, change "(i)" to "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 120
On page 38, at the end of line 2, after "Plan" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(b) In accordance with time lines as determined by the department, inform the department of the types of student exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B) that the school is willing to serve."
Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 19, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 45
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 19, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 23, 24, and 25.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Leger, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Petitions, Memorials, and Communications at this time.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

March 19, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill Nos. 96, 264, and 384.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

SENATE BILL NO. 96—
BY SENATOR MORRELL
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1228.6(6) and (7), relative to component systems of the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS) operated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to change the name of certain component systems; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

SENATE BILL NO. 264—
BY SENATOR MORRELL
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 15:874(5), relative to the inmate compensation fund; provides relative to disbursements from the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

SENATE BILL NO. 384—
BY SENATOR RISER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 49:191(6) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(i), relative to the Department of Revenue, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Revenue and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Ortego, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request state agencies, when translating information from the English language to the French language, to make every effort to make such translations using Louisiana French by utilizing dictionaries and other resources dedicated to the preservation and celebration of this unique language.

Read by title.
Lies over under the rules.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure
March 19, 2012
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 12, by Abramson
Reported with amendments. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 112, by Connick
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 126, by Dixon
Reported with amendments. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 350, by Arnold
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 405, by Danahay
Reported with amendments. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 512, by Moreno
Reported without action, with recommendation that it be recommitted to the Committee on Criminal Justice. (14-0)

House Bill No. 687, by Greene
Reported with amendments. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 904, by Hunter
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 929, by Miller
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 948, by Seabaugh
Reported favorably. (13-0) (Regular)

NEIL C. ABRAMSON
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Commerce
March 19, 2012
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 8, by Simon
Reported favorably. (17-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 25, by Burns, Henry
Reported favorably. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 71, by Berthelot
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 113, by Schexnayder
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 144, by Ponti
Reported favorably. (17-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 386, by Ponti
Reported favorably. (16-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 508, by Ponti
Reported favorably. (16-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 584, by St. Germain
Reported with amendments. (16-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 732, by Burns, Henry
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

ERICH E. PONTI
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works
March 19, 2012
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 117, by Burns, Henry
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 124, by Edwards
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 133, by Armes
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 205, by Berthelot
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 234, by Hodges
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 310, by Ponti
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 425, by Brossett
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 544, by Montoucet
Reported with amendments. (12-0) (Regular)
House Bill No. 585, by St. Germain
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 586, by St. Germain
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Local & Consent)

House Bill No. 587, by St. Germain
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 588, by St. Germain
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 590, by St. Germain
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 668, by St. Germain
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 696, by St. Germain
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 814, by Hill
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Local & Consent)

KAREN GAUDET ST. GERMAIN
Chairwoman

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

Monday, March 19, 2012

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 300, by Leger
Reported with amendments. (18-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 490, by Robideaux
Reported with amendments. (17-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 650, by Williams, P
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 898, by Robideaux
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

JOEL C. ROBIDEAUX
Chairman

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Ponti, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Commerce to meet at 2:30 P.M.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Robideaux, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet at 1:30 P.M.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Connick - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 5:00 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House