

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the financial impact on the state if the state were to retain control of all Type 5 charter schools and to report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education prior to the 2009 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:3973(2)(b)(v)(aa), defines a Type 5 charter school as a preexisting public school transferred to the Recovery School District pursuant to R.S. 17:10.5 or 10.7 and operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between a nonprofit corporation and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or between a nonprofit corporation and a city, parish, or other local school board or other public entity in the case of the renewal of a Type 5 charter of a school that has been transferred back to the jurisdiction of the local school board or other public entity pursuant to R.S. 17:10.5(C); and

WHEREAS, there are currently a total of twenty-six Type 5 charter schools under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District, all of which are located in Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised and discussions have occurred about the status of such Type 5 charter schools in the event that the Recovery School District is terminated; and

WHEREAS, such discussions have included that in such event, the state could assume and retain control of such schools; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to current law, R.S. 17:1990(C)(2)(a), and in addition to state appropriations that are provided for the Recovery School District's operation of schools, the local school board which had jurisdiction of a school prior to its transfer to the Recovery

School District is required annually to allocate and transfer to the Recovery School District an amount of money equal to the number of students enrolled in such school times the local per pupil amount received by the school system from all sales and use taxes, ad valorem taxes, and earnings from sixteenth section lands as provided in the minimum foundation program formula, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that a study be conducted to determine the financial impact on the state if the state were to assume and retain control of all Type 5 charter schools and to determine the effects of such on local school systems in the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the financial impact on the state if the state were to retain control of all Type 5 charter schools, including but not limited to the anticipated cost to the state of assuming such control and the effect on the local school systems in the parishes where such schools are located, and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education prior to the 2009 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES