



Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools

Celebrating 30 Years of Louisiana Charter Schools LAPCS Charter School 3.0 Bill Package - 2024 Regular Legislative Session

2025 will mark the 30th anniversary of Louisiana's charter school law. Louisiana charter schools are non-profit, tuition-free public schools of choice that are open to all families! Because one size does not fit all in education, charter schools have the autonomy to provide unique educational opportunities in exchange for tough accountability standards.

Louisiana's charter school program is among the best in the country for its rigor and achievement in closing the learning gap. However, limitations still exist on unforeseeable issues when the law was first enacted. This bill package aims to modernize our law to better support the nearly 150 Louisiana charter schools serving more than 94,000 students!

Please Support the Charter School 3.0 Bill Package!

Charter Schools 3.0 - SB by 350 by Sen. Edmonds and SB 362 By Sen. Cloud

- In a world of expanding school options for families, this bill provides better clarity as to the purpose of charter schools and what makes them unique, provides more transparency to the chartering process, and extends liability protections on public school mandates for charter schools.

Charter School Corporate Partnerships - SB 47 by Sen. Talbot and HB 78 by Rep. Carver

- Permits eligible charter schools with community-corporate partnerships to apply directly to BESE so that they can provide regional educational options for families.
- This bill expands school choice and economic development opportunities statewide.

Charter School Renewals and Revocation - SB 316 by Sen. Miguez

- Provides more flexibility to authorizers for managing the charter school renewal process and governance-related issues.

Charter School Enrollment Transparency - HB 708 by Rep. Freiberg

- Replaces restrictive enrollment quotas that place privacy burdens on families with enrollment transparency mandates for charter schools that expand anti-discrimination protections for disenfranchised families throughout the entire chartering process.

Curriculum Mandates - HB 647 by Rep. Romero

- Expands current law that outlines the process by which teacher training requirements are added into law, to include the process for adding new classroom instructional requirements that are not currently part of BESE's State Curriculum Standards.

Charter School Facility Funding - SB 321 by Sen. Edmonds

- Creates a new fund inside LDOE whereby monies raised can be deposited and distributed as low-interest loans to better support charter school facility funding needs.