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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Mizell to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 441 by Senator Mizell

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "(D)," insert "(E), and (F),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 12, after "R.S. 17:407.41(D)" insert ", (E), and (F)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, change "is" to "are"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 8, between lines 15 and 16 insert:

9 **"E.(1) A nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary**  
10 **and Secondary Education as an accredited approved school shall be exempt**  
11 **from the provisions of this Section if all of the following conditions apply:**

12 **(a) The school maintains accreditation in good standing with an**  
13 **accreditation organization recognized by the State Board of Elementary and**  
14 **Secondary Education for the purpose of school approval.**

15 **(b) The accrediting organization's standards include provisions**  
16 **addressing the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled in**  
17 **a prekindergarten program operated by the accredited approved school that**  
18 **meet or exceed the child safety and welfare standards as provided in this**  
19 **Section.**

20 **(c) The school provides a written attestation to the Louisiana**  
21 **Department of Education, at the time of its annual school approval application,**  
22 **that the accrediting organization's standards meet or exceed the child safety**  
23 **and welfare standards provided for in this Section and provides documentation**  
24 **from the accrediting organization supporting the attestation.**

25 **(2) A nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and**  
26 **Secondary Education as a nonaccredited approved school shall be exempt from**  
27 **the provisions of this Section if the nonaccredited approved school is annually**  
28 **certified to be in compliance with the child safety and welfare standards as**  
29 **provided in this Section by an organization recognized by the State Board of**  
30 **Elementary and Secondary Education for monitoring purposes pursuant to this**  
31 **Section.**

32 **(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this**  
33 **Subsection, if an accredited approved school loses its accreditation as provided**  
34 **in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or a nonaccredited approved school fails to**  
35 **be certified as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the accredited**  
36 **approved school or the nonaccredited approved school shall be subject to the**  
37 **provisions of this Section.**

38 **F. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt**  
39 **rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to**  
40 **implement the provisions of this Section."**