

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 441 by Senator Mizell

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, line 22, after "**shall**" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 23 and insert
3 "**be provided the following information:**"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 3, line 1, after "**processes**" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of
6 line 2, delete "**Education**" and insert "**as provided in R.S. 17:407.41**"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 5, delete lines 18 through 29, and on page 6, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert the
9 following:

- 10 ~~"(2) The child-to-staff ratios shall not exceed the following:~~
11 ~~(a) Infants and under one year - 5 to 1~~
12 ~~(b) One year - 7 to 1~~
13 ~~(c) Two years - 10 to 1~~
14 ~~(d) Three years - 13 to 1~~
15 ~~(e) Four years - 15 to 1~~
16 ~~(f) Five years - 19 to 1~~

17 **(2)(a) The child-to-staff ratios shall be in compliance with those**
18 **set in rules that the State Board of Elementary of Education shall adopt**
19 **for this purpose. The rules shall provide ratio requirements for**
20 **prekindergarten students who are three years old, four years old, and**
21 **five years old in order to provide for their health, safety, and welfare.**
22 **Both public and nonpublic schools operating prekindergarten programs**
23 **shall comply with the ratio requirements provided in these rules.**

24 **(b) Such rules may be waived if the state board determines, upon**
25 **clear and convincing evidence, that the demonstrated economic impact**
26 **is sufficiently great to make compliance impractical for the school**
27 **despite diligent efforts, and that alternative means have been put in**
28 **place that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff.**

29 AMENDMENT NO. 4

30 On page 6, at the beginning of line 10, delete "(4)"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 5

32 On page 6, delete lines 15 through 25 and insert the following:

- 33 ~~"(6) Only staff members directly providing care, supervision, or~~
34 ~~guidance to children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratio. The same~~
35 ~~staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two~~
36 ~~different groups of children at the same time.~~
37 ~~(7) Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be~~
38 ~~present on the premises during rest time and available to assist as needed.~~
39 ~~Children ages one and older may be grouped together at rest time with one~~
40 ~~staff member in each room supervising the resting children.~~

1 ~~(8)~~ **(4)** Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a
2 phone number to file complaints regarding supervision with the Department
3 of Education, **as applicable**, shall be posted in each classroom in a location
4 that is visible to parents."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 6

6 On page 6, at the beginning of line 26, delete "~~(7)~~" and insert "**(5)**"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 7

8 On page 6, at the beginning of line 28, delete "~~(8)~~(a)" and insert "**(6)**(a)"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 8

10 On page 7, at the beginning of line 4, delete "~~(9)~~" and insert "**(7)**"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 9

12 On page 7, at the beginning of line 8, delete "~~(10)~~(a)" and insert "**(8)**(a)"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 10

14 On page 7, at the beginning of line 14, delete "~~(11)~~" and insert "**(9)**"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 11

16 On page 7, at the beginning of line 16, delete "~~(12)~~" and insert "**(10)**"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 12

18 On page 7, at the beginning of line 23, delete "~~(13)~~" and insert "**(11)**"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 13

20 On page 8, line 2, after "enrolled in" and before "prekindergarten" delete "an early learning
21 center or" and insert "**the**"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 14

23 On page 8, line 23, after "**provisions of**" and before "**this**" insert "**Subsection D of**"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 15

25 On page 9, at the end of line 3, delete "**Louisiana**" and insert "**state**"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 16

27 On page 9, line 10, after "**provisions of**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 11
28 through 20 and insert the following:

29 "**Subsection D of this Section if either of the following conditions is met:**

30 **(a) The school is annually certified to be in compliance with the**
31 **child safety and welfare standards provided for in this Section by an**
32 **association or organization recognized by the State Board of Elementary**
33 **and Secondary Education for monitoring purposes.**

34 **(b) The state Department of Education recommends that**
35 **approval be granted after an annual review that the department shall**
36 **conduct of each such school seeking approval. The annual review may**

1 include site visits and shall include a review, at a minimum, of the health,
2 safety, and welfare of prekindergarten students.
3 (3) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may
4 revoke its approval of a prekindergarten program operated by a
5 nonpublic school at any time if the board determines that it has
6 jeopardized the health, safety, or welfare of its students."