

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

24 **(b) Such rules may be waived if the state board determines, upon clear**  
25 **and convincing evidence, that the demonstrated economic impact is sufficiently**  
26 **great to make compliance impractical for the school despite diligent efforts, and**  
27 **that alternative means have been put in place that ensure the health, safety, and**  
28 **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 guidance to~~  
34 ~~children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratio. The same staff members shall~~  
35 ~~not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the~~  
36 ~~same time.~~

37 ~~(7) Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be present~~  
38 ~~on the premises during rest time and available to assist as needed. Children ages one~~  
39 ~~and older may be grouped together at rest time with one staff member in each room~~  
40 ~~supervising the resting children.~~

1           ~~(8)~~ **(4)** Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a phone  
2           number to file complaints regarding supervision with the Department of Education,  
3           **as applicable**, shall be posted in each classroom in a location that is visible to  
4           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 child**  
31               **safety and welfare standards provided for in this Section by an association or**  
32               **organization recognized by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary**  
33               **Education for monitoring purposes.**  
34               **(b) The state Department of Education recommends that approval be**  
35               **granted after an annual review that the department shall conduct of each such**  
36               **school seeking approval. The annual review may include site visits and shall**

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