
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Hodges to Engrossed House Bill No. 1203 by Representative Edmonston

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete the set of amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and adopted
3 by the Senate on May 25, 2026.

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, after "To" insert "amend and reenact the Chapter heading of Chapter 43-B
6 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 17:4036.1(A) and (B) and
7 to" and after "R.S. 17:236.4" insert "and 407.35(D)" and after "parents;" insert "to provide
8 for parental choice in education;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 4, delete "learning cooperative" and insert "learning microschool"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, line 5, delete "cooperative" and insert "microschools; to provide for public school
13 learning pods"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 5

15 On page 1, line 9, delete "Parent-driven learning cooperatives" and insert "Parent-driven
16 learning microschools"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 6

18 On page 1, line 15, delete "Parent-driven learning cooperatives" and insert "Parent-driven
19 learning microschools"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 7

21 On page 1, after line 20, insert the following:

22 "(5) Article 101 of the Louisiana Children's Code declares that "(t)he people
23 of Louisiana recognize the family as the most fundamental unit of human society;
24 that preserving families is essential to a free society; that the relationship between
25 parent and child is preeminent in establishing and maintaining the well-being of the
26 child; that parents have the responsibility for providing the basic necessities of life
27 as well as love and affection to their children; that parents have the paramount right
28 to raise their children in accordance with their own values and traditions; that parents
29 should make the decisions regarding where and with whom the child shall reside, the
30 educational, moral, ethical, and religious training of the child..."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 8

32 On page 2, line 1, after "Section 2." insert "The Chapter heading of Chapter 43-B of Title
33 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 17:4036.1 (A) and (B) are hereby
34 amended and reenacted and" and after "R.S. 17:236.4" delete "is" and insert "and 407.35(D)
35 are"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 2, line 2, delete "Parent-driven learning cooperatives" and insert "Parent-driven
3 learning microschools"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 10

5 On page 2, delete lines 3 through 11, and insert the following:

6 "A.(1) If a building has met the occupancy requirements as a home,
7 commercial establishment, or other classification of occupancy, then the use, rental,
8 lease, or otherwise lawful possession of the building, whether in whole or in part, by
9 a parent-driven learning microschool shall not alter or change the zoning or
10 occupancy classification of the building or subject the building to any additional
11 building code requirements or fire safety regulations due to the fact that parents are
12 making use of all or part of the building as a parent-driven learning microschool.

13 (2) No governmental agency shall take any of the following actions against
14 a parent who participates in a parent-driven learning microschool or against the
15 parent-driven learning microschool:

16 (a) Restrict or deny the use of the building by parents or children, regardless
17 of age, for the same or similar purposes as provided in R.S. 13:5233.1(A)(4),
18 regardless of the day of the week, time, or number of hours of the day, or require
19 compliance with Part X-B of Chapter 1 of this Title or any other provision of this
20 Title.

21 (b) Require that a parent-driven learning microschool register or otherwise
22 report to any governmental agency.

23 B. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

24 (1) "Governmental agency" shall have the same meaning as "government"
25 or "governmental agency" as defined in R.S. 13:5234.

26 (2) "Parent-driven learning microschool" means a voluntary association of
27 parents who choose to group their children together, regardless of age, for
28 educational or instructional activities conducted at mutually agreed-upon times and
29 days, and which may include compensated or uncompensated parents, tutors, or
30 instructors, for the purpose of providing a personalized learning experience for each
31 student, and that meets all of the following requirements:"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 11

33 On page 2, line 12, change "(2)" to "(a)"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 12

35 On page 2, line 13, after "week" insert ", regardless of the time of day or regardless of the
36 week or month of the year"

37 AMENDMENT NO. 13

38 On page 2, line 14, change "(3)" to "(b)"

39 AMENDMENT NO. 14

40 On page 2, line 16, after "C." insert "(1)"

41 AMENDMENT NO. 15

42 On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

43 "(2) Nothing in this Subpart shall be construed to supersede, limit, or
44 diminish the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the
45 United States, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of Louisiana, or the
46 Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, R.S. 13:5231 et seq., all of which shall
47 prevail in the event of any conflict with any provision of this Section.

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D. Nothing in this Part shall apply to a parent-driven learning microschool, as provided in R.S. 17:236.4, or a religious education activity, as provided in R.S. 13:5233.1.

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CHAPTER 43-B. PUBLIC SCHOOL LEARNING PODS

§4036.1. ~~Learning~~ Public school learning pods

A.(1) Each public school governing authority may establish public school learning pods as an extension of any school under its jurisdiction.

(2) For purposes of this Chapter, "public school learning pod" means a group of at least ten students enrolled in the school who receive instruction in a small group setting.

B. A student shall be assigned to a public school learning pod only if the assignment is requested by his parent or authorized by his parent upon the recommendation of school officials.

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Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed, pursuant to its statutory authority, to make any technical changes necessary to change all references in R.S. 17:4036.1 from "learning pods" to "public school learning pods" and to redesignate and reletter the Subsections in R.S. 17:4036.1 in order to conform the terminology and lettering of the provisions of this Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 2, line 19, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 4."