

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, BROUSSARD, CARLSON,  
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the Chapter heading of Chapter 43-B of Title 17 of the Louisiana  
3 Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 17:4036.1(A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 17:236.4  
4 and 407.35(D), relative to associations of parents; to provide for parental choice in  
5 education; to prohibit restricting the use of a home or commercial establishment by  
6 parents participating in a parent-driven learning microschool under certain  
7 circumstances; to define parent-driven learning microschoools; to provide for public  
8 school learning pods; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective  
9 date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. The legislature finds all of the following:

12 (1) Parent-driven learning microschoools operate as voluntary associations of parents  
13 who choose to come together for the purpose of educating their children, and such  
14 associations are protected by parental rights and the freedom of association.

15 (2) The state has a legitimate interest in ensuring that children have access to  
16 educational opportunities while also respecting the rights of parents to select and participate  
17 in educational environments that best serve their children.

18 (3) Parent-driven learning microschoools are intended solely to provide additional  
19 educational opportunities and support services for parents who choose educational options  
20 for their children that are conducted in nontraditional educational settings.

21 (4) The purpose of this Act is to protect the freedom of parents to form and  
22 participate in associations that educate their children and ensure that state law does not  
23 unduly restrict parental choice in education.

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

10 Section 2. The Chapter heading of Chapter 43-B of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised  
11 Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 17:4036.1(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
12 17:236.4 and 407.35(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §236.4. Parent-driven learning microschools

14 A.(1) If a building has met the occupancy requirements as a home,  
15 commercial establishment, or other classification of occupancy, then the use, rental,  
16 lease, or otherwise lawful possession of the building, whether in whole or in part, by  
17 a parent-driven learning microschool shall not alter or change the zoning or  
18 occupancy classification of the building or subject the building to any additional  
19 building code requirements or fire safety regulations due to the fact that parents are  
20 making use of all or part of the building as a parent-driven learning microschool.

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

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

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



