

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Re-Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 41 by Senator Barrow

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 4, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert the following:

3 "other teaching authorization to a person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo  
4 contendere to a felony offense, ~~or except for~~ an offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), who has"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 9, line 12, change "child to staff" to "child-to-staff"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 9, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

9 "**(3)(a) An average of the child-to-staff ratios may be applied to mixed age**  
10 **groups of children between the ages of two through five if the following conditions are**  
11 **met:**

12 **(i) The average may only be applied if there is not more than a one year**  
13 **difference between the age groups.**

14 **(ii) The average shall be calculated by adding the two ratios for the applicable**  
15 **age groups and dividing by two. If the average number is not a whole number, the**  
16 **number shall be rounded down to a whole number.**

17 **(b) If a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the**  
18 **youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group."**

19 AMENDMENT NO. 4

20 On page 9, line 24, change "health care" to "healthcare"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 5

22 On page 9, line 25, change "health care" to "healthcare"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 6

24 On page 9, line 28, change "child to staff" to "child-to-staff"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 7

26 On page 10, line 2, change "child to staff" to "child-to-staff"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 8

28 On page 10, line 6, change "child to staff" to "child-to-staff"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 9

30 On page 10, at the beginning of line 12, change "(10)" to "(10)(a)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 10, line 13, after the period "." delete the remainder of the line

3 AMENDMENT NO. 11

4 On page 10, at the beginning of line 14, before "not" insert **(b) The provisions of this**  
5 **Paragraph shall** and change "when" to "if"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 12

7 On page 10, line 15, change "when" to "if"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 13

9 On page 10, line 18, after "that" and before "staff" insert "the"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 14

11 On page 10, delete lines 21 through 25 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the  
12 following:

13 **"(12)(a) A child who is developmentally able may be permitted to use the**  
14 **restroom independently if a staff member is in proximity to and can see the child to**  
15 **ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to assist with an**  
16 **accident while in the restroom.**"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 15

18 On page 10, at the beginning of line 26, change "Individuals who are" to "An individual  
19 who is"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 16

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22 On page 10, line 27, change "their" to "his"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 17

24 On page 11, at the end of line 4, after "children" and before "are" insert "who"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 18

26 On page 11, delete lines 10 and 11 and insert the following:

27 **"B.(1) The state Department of Education shall develop an informational**  
28 **document that contains all of the following:**

29 **(a) The child safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in this**  
30 **Section.**

31 **(b) A phone number to file complaints with the state Department of Education**  
32 **regarding violations of the standards.**

33 **(c) A statement notifying parents and legal guardians that the document is being**  
34 **distributed pursuant to "Charlie's Law".**

35 **(2) The state Department of Education shall provide the document to each early**  
36 **learning center and prekindergarten program no later than August first of each year.**

37 **(3) Each early learning center and public school with a prekindergarten**  
38 **program shall distribute the document to the parents and legal guardians of all**  
39 **children enrolled in an early learning center or prekindergarten program.**

40 **(4) The document shall be distributed at the beginning of each school year and**  
41 **may be distributed electronically.**

1           **C. The state Department of Education shall provide written notification to the**  
2 **superintendent of a school district for any complaint received by the department**  
3 **regarding a prekindergarten program in the district pursuant to this Section.**

4 AMENDMENT NO. 19

5 On page 12, line 7, change "**child to staff**" to "**child-to-staff**"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 20

7 On page 15, line 28, change "**seventy-two hours**" to "**three business days**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 21

9 On page 21, line 21, delete "school resource officer,"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 22

11 On page 23, line 12, after "**child**" and before "**if**" insert a comma ", "

12 AMENDMENT NO. 23

13 On page 24, line 4, change "**that**" to "**who**"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 24

15 On page 25, line 25, change "**the individuals**" to "**an individual**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 25

17 On page 25, line 26, after "**believed**" and before "**responsible**" insert "**to be**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 26

19 On page 32, delete lines 7 through 11

20 AMENDMENT NO. 27

21 On page 32, line 12, change "(B)" to "Section 9.(A)"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 28

23 On page 32, line 14, change "(C)" to "(B)"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 29

25 On page 32, line 17, change "(D)" to "(C)"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 30

27 On page 32, line 19, change "(E)" to "(D)"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 31

29 On page 32, after line 21, add the following:

30           "Section 10. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Charlie's Law"."