

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 824 (HB 690)

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New law prohibits:

- (1) An education agency from knowingly contracting with an education service provider (provider) or a vendor of educational products (vendor) who is a foreign adversary, a foreign terrorist organization, or an agent thereof.
- (2) A provider or vendor from knowingly subcontracting with a foreign adversary, an agent of a foreign adversary, a foreign terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign terrorist organization.

New law provides that:

- (1) Knowingly acting as an agent, proxy, or contractor of a foreign adversary or foreign terrorist organization is prohibited conduct that renders the agent, proxy, or contractor ineligible to contract with an education agency or a primary contractor thereof.
- (2) Providing material support or funds to a foreign adversary or foreign terrorist organization is prohibited conduct that renders the person ineligible to contract with an education agency or a primary contractor thereof.
- (3) If an education agency becomes aware that a provider or vendor is a foreign adversary, foreign terrorist organization, or agent thereof, the education agency shall immediately notify the attorney general and suspend payments to the provider or vendor pending due process review as provided in new law.
- (4) Subject to the due process rights provided in new law, if it is determined that a provider or vendor is not qualified to contract with an education agency pursuant to new law, then the provider or vendor shall return any payments received on or after the provider or vendor became ineligible due to a violation of new law.
- (5) A provider or vendor that is denied a contract with an education agency or has a contract that is suspended pursuant to new law is entitled to avail itself of all administrative due process rights and legal redress as provided in existing law.
- (6) Beginning on July 1, 2026, each education agency shall include in all contracts with providers or vendors a statement that the provisions of new law apply to the contract and any payments made thereto. Requires that the contract provision also require the provider or vendor to agree not to engage in conduct that would violate new law during the term of the contract and that such prohibited conduct will result in an immediate suspension of payments and be subject to debt collection as provided in new law.
- (7) An education agency may seek the opinion of the attorney general as to whether a provider or vendor is prohibited from contracting with the education agency pursuant to new law.
- (8) If, pursuant to new law, a provider or vendor is deemed ineligible to contract or is determined to have engaged in conduct which renders the provider or vendor ineligible or disqualified under the contract and the contractor does not return any payments that are recoverable pursuant to new law, then notice of the recoverable debt shall be turned over to the attorney general who, in conjunction with the office of debt recovery within the Dept. of Revenue, shall institute debt recovery and collection.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 8, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 17:410.17-410.23)