

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

ACT No. 19

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE AND SENATORS CHAISSON, QUINN,
THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(C)(4), relative to LA 4 class ratio requirements; to
3 provide for the applicability of provisions relative to the requirements for student to
4 lead teacher and student to adult staff member ratios for LA 4 classes; to provide for
5 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules relative to the
6 ratios required for LA 4 classes; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §24.10. Early childhood development and enrichment activity classes;
11 establishment; eligibility; requirements; funding; study

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13 C. Each LA 4 class shall include or have provided all of the following:

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15 (4)(a) ~~Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,~~
16 a student to lead teacher ratio of no more than twenty to one and a student to adult
17 staff member ratio of no more than ten to one.

18 (b) Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the provisions of Subparagraph
19 (a) of this Paragraph shall not be applicable to any city, parish, other local public
20 school system, or charter school that provides LA 4 classes pursuant to the
21 provisions of this Section if both of the following apply:

1 (i) The school system or charter school enrolled any students during the
2 2005-2006 school year who were displaced from school in such year due to school
3 closures as a result of natural catastrophe or disaster.

4 (ii) The school system or charter school cannot meet the requirements of
5 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph due to the enrollment of students as specified in
6 Item (i) of this Subparagraph as certified by the state superintendent of education and
7 approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

8 (c) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt rules
9 effective for the 2005-2006 school year relative to the ratios required for LA 4
10 classes.

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12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____