
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 954 by Representative Leger

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 3, at the beginning of line 6, change "governmentally funded" to "publicly funded
3 and Type III licensed"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 3, line 13, after "system" and before "of" change "may use at least ten percent" to
6 "shall use a percentage"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 3, at the end of line 20, change the period "." to a comma "," and insert the
9 following:

10 "as follows:

11 (a) For a school year in which the per pupil allocation for the LA 4
12 program is less than five thousand dollars per child, each participating school
13 system shall use at least five percent of the total increase in funding over the
14 previous school year to provide LA 4 classes through collaborative
15 agreements with nonschool system providers.

16 (b) For a school year in which the per pupil allocation for the LA 4
17 program is five thousand dollars per child or more, each participating school
18 system shall use at least ten percent of the total increase in funding over the
19 previous school year to provide LA 4 classes through collaborative
20 agreements with nonschool system providers."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 4

22 On page 3, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

23 "(3) Such collaborative agreements may include but shall not be
24 limited to the following options:

25 (a) The participating school system may lease physical space from
26 a nonschool system provider for an LA 4 class.

27 (b) The participating school system may provide a lead teacher with
28 the nonschool system provider supplying the physical space and all other
29 personnel, materials, or supplies needed to meet LA 4 program requirements.

30 (c) The nonschool system provider supplies the physical space and
31 all of the teaching and ancillary personnel, materials, and supplies needed to
32 meet LA 4 program requirements.

33 (4) Participating school systems shall explore all feasible supports
34 to enable nonschool system providers of early childhood education to meet
35 the requirements of the LA 4 program, including providing teachers
36 employed by the school system to teach LA 4 classes in nonschool system
37 provider settings, provided such teachers are certified to serve as a lead
38 teacher in accordance with Subparagraph (H)(3)(a) of this Section.

39 (5) A nonschool system provider of early childhood education that
40 serves children residing within the jurisdiction of a participating public
41 school system and that wishes to participate in the LA 4 program shall apply
42 to the board of the school system in accordance with the time lines and
43 regulations established by the state board. Such application shall, at a
44 minimum, include the following information:

1 (a) Verification that the applicant is a provider of early childhood
 2 education that meets the definition of an early learning center as provided in
 3 this Subsection and has attained the minimum quality rating required to be
 4 eligible to participate in the program as established by the state board.

5 (b) Documentation that the provider meets the requirements for
 6 participation in the program as provided by state law and state board
 7 regulation.

8 (c) Documentation relative to the provider's organizational,
 9 governance, and operational structure.

10 (d) Documentation relative to the provider's policies, programs, and
 11 practices in place to ensure parental involvement.

12 (e) Documentation relative to the provider's personnel policies and
 13 employment practices.

14 (f) Documentation relative to the provider's rules and regulations
 15 applicable to children, including disciplinary policies and procedures.

16 (g) Documentation relative to the adequacy of the provider's facilities
 17 and equipment.

18 (h) Documentation relative to the types and amounts of the provider's
 19 insurance coverage.

20 (i) Documentation relative to applicable teacher certification
 21 requirements.

22 (6) The provisions of R.S. 17:15 shall be applicable to all employees
 23 of an early learning center that enters into a collaborative agreement with a
 24 school board to provide LA 4 classes in a nonschool system provider setting,
 25 and each early learning center shall comply with all rules and regulations
 26 established by the participating school system pursuant to such law relative
 27 to criminal history review.

28 (7)(a) A waiver of the requirement specified in Paragraph (1) of this
 29 Subsection may be granted to a participating school system by the state board
 30 if the school system provides documentation acceptable to the state board
 31 that it meets at least one of the following conditions:

32 (i) There are no early learning centers located within the geographic
 33 boundaries of the participating school system that have attained the minimum
 34 quality rating required to be eligible to participate in the program as
 35 established by the state board.

36 (ii) The participating school system did not receive an application
 37 from an early learning center seeking to collaborate in the provision of LA
 38 4 classes.

39 (iii) After a good faith effort and for good cause shown the
 40 participating school system and early learning center were unable to reach an
 41 agreement regarding the provision of LA 4 classes in a nonschool system
 42 provider setting.

43 (b) The state board shall send written notification to a participating
 44 school system as to whether its application for a waiver has been granted.
 45 However, a waiver shall not be granted for more than one school year at a
 46 time.

47 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any given school
 48 year the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to a participating school
 49 system with excess capacity in its LA 4 program nor shall such a system be
 50 required to seek or be granted a waiver from the state board of such
 51 requirements."