Present law allows each city, parish, and other local public school board to offer prekindergarten instruction and provides for the age at which a child may enter prekindergarten.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies the age at which a child may enter prekindergarten.

Proposed law requires each city, parish, and other local public school board to work to develop a mixed provider delivery model for full-day, full-year, high-quality prekindergarten instruction.

Proposed law provides definitions for the mixed provider delivery model, requires the school boards to ensure certain items are provided for in any mixed provider delivery model established, and requires annual reporting to the state Department of Education (LDOE) on any seats provided for prekindergarten instruction through the mixed provider delivery model and the impact the model has on the local childcare delivery system.

Proposed law requires an annual report from LDOE to the Senate and House Education Committees.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.8(A); adds R.S. 17:24.8(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Clarifies the age a child may enter prekindergarten instruction in public schools.

2. Removes the requirement that all public schools offer prekindergarten instruction.

3. Requires each public school board to work to develop a mixed provider delivery model for prekindergarten instruction.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill
1. Clarifies language relative to actions to be taken by the school boards and data to be reported.