RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

New law retains prior law and clarifies the age at which a child may enter prekindergarten.

New 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.

New 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.

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

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