

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 1203

2026 Regular Session

Edmonston

EDUCATION: Provides relative to parent-driven learning cooperatives.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides the following:

- (1) If a building used as a home or commercial establishment has met the requirements for occupancy and has received a certification of occupancy or an occupancy license for the use of the building, the government shall not restrict or deny the use of the building by parents who are participating in a parent-driven learning cooperative.
- (2) Defines "parent-driven learning cooperative" as a deliberately small learning environment that meets all of the following requirements:
 - (a) It is a nonpublic educational association between parents and tutors or instructors that personalizes the learning experience for each student.
 - (b) Students in multiple grade levels participate for part or all of the school week.
 - (c) Instruction occurs in a home, community space, library, learning center, or other nontraditional educational setting.
- (3) Parent-driven learning cooperatives are intended solely to provide additional educational opportunities and support services for parents who choose educational options for their children that are conducted in nontraditional educational settings.
- (4) Nothing in proposed law shall be construed to modify, supersede, or otherwise affect the laws governing religious educational programs conducted in churches or other religious institutions as provided in present law (R.S. 13:5233.1).

Proposed law requires any tutor or instructor who provides tutoring or instructional services to a minor child without a parent or legal guardian physically present onsite to undergo a criminal background check in accordance with present law prior to providing such services.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:236.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires criminal background checks for tutors of children if parents are not present.