

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SCS SB 457 (LR# 1982H.03 C)

Relating to childcare

Section	Original Bill	Status As of	Description
210.201, Section B	SCS SB 457	Emerging Issues	Under current law, Montessori schools are not required to have a child care facility license to operate in the state. This bill modifies the definition of a Montessori school to include programs that are either accredited by, actively seeking accreditation by, or maintain an active school membership with the American Montessori Society, Association Montessori Internationale, the International Montessori Counsel, or the Montessori Educational Programs International.
161.217	HCS HB 1070 Shields	Reported Do Pass out of Rules Legislative Oversight	This bill changes the Early Learning Quality Assurance Program from a pilot program to an established program, and adds four years to the sunset language set to expire in 2022 so the program will sunset August 28, 2025 unless reauthorized.
210.211			Makes changes to who is included in the number of children counted toward the maximum number of children for which a licensed family child care facility is licensed.
210.251	HCS HB 1337 Gregory	Referred to Rules Legislative Oversight	This bill prohibits the state from requirements that are stricter than federal regulations for participants in the program for atrisk children through the Child and Adult Food Program, 42 U.S.C. 1766. Child care facilities shall not be required to be licensed child care providers to participate in such federal program so long as minimum health and safety standards are met and documented.
210.252			Transfers the responsibility for annual inspections for child-care facilities to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.