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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Senate Bill 201

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1

2021 SENATE BILL 201

Senate Bill 201 creates a definition of “microschool” and adds the term to all current statutes that refer to a home-based private educational program (commonly referred to as “homeschooling”). The bill defines “microschool” as a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child’s parent or guardian or by a person designated by the parent or guardian that is provided to between two and five family units, provided to no more than 20 children, and that is provided to participating children at a physical location.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 replaces the term “microschool” with the term “micro education pod.” The amendment also sunsets the provisions after the 2022-23 school year, meaning that micro education pods will only exist under state law for the next two school years. Finally, the amendment requires that the families participating in a micro education pod must select an individual to serve as the administrator of the micro education pod before the beginning of each school year.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 changes the definition of “micro education pod” to refer to a program provided to between two and 10 family units, instead of between one and five family units. The amendment also changes the sunset provision so that micro education pods will exist under state law until after the 2023-24 school year, rather than after the 2022-23 school year.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Nass offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 201 on May 4, 2021, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on February 22, 2022. On March 4, 2022, the Senate Committee on Education voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3. The committee then voted to recommend passage of Senate Bill 201, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3.

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