

Summary written communication with the PR Education Council (July 2020)

- ❖ They do not approve centers, institutions, or people who offer "homeschooling". When an institution requests the Registry to operate and includes this modality, they are informed that "homeschooling" is not under their jurisdiction and that it cannot be part of their request.
- ❖ The only way they can intervene with an institution that advertises "homeschooling" and is not registered with them is through a formal complaint (duly notarized before a notary lawyer). If they are doing business (and have physical facilities/school) they must be registered and prove a series of documents according to the Law 212 of 2018.
- ❖ The office cannot intervene with particular individuals (teachers who go to homes), as parents are responsible for those individuals to educate their children. They can intervene with institutions that have a local and are not registered with the Office of Registration and Licensing of Educational Institutions in the State Department according to Law 212.



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- ❖ CEPR recommendations: They recognize that "homeschooling" has been increasing in recent times and more due to the emergency situations we face but also because of the lack of legislation in PR. This situation as unique can be addressed by legislation to establish more specific parameters of the definition, how the "homeschooling" in PR through an entity (they do not have to be a government agency) that somehow certifies parents or organizations offering this modality (it can be by notifying the intention to educate at home).
- ❖ In short, if there are physical facilities and they have no record, they can file a notarized complaint and an administrative process with the institution would begin. It is very difficult to confirm and file a complaint against individuals for the lack of regulation of homeschooling, and they may claim that they are offering homeschooling to these students at the request of parents.

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