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❖ Since the 1990s there have been attempts to legislate homeschooling.

❖ Two recent bills:

❖ P of S 255 (January 17, 2017), now converted into Law 33 of June 7, 2017 (applies to church-schools) - This project is not about HS but mentions it: "The selection of the educational option - whether public or private licensure or unlicensed as "homeschooling" and churches-school-constitutes a fundamental right of parents within their prerogatives of freedom of association and religion."

❖ P of S 273 - May 9, 2017 - attempted to regulate the HS but had a negative report from the Senate.



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❖ There is no official definition, public policy, or law regarding home education in PR. Only the Constitution covers us.

❖ This has also been a challenge for parents in different agencies and/or institutions since there is no public policy that defines this lifestyle, creating inconveniences when applying for services.

❖ It is not mandatory to name your home-school, create a logo, or register with the State Department or the Treasury.

You don't have to create rubber pins or seals for your home-school.

❖ It is also not necessary to make an affidavit such as that he educates at home unless requested for admission to university or some agency management.



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❖ Courts have sometimes undermined the right to home education in pension, custody or divorce cases, where homeschooling is presented as a side of the case and one party disagrees with this lifestyle. It is important that both parents have open communication and agree on the decision to avoid conflicts and for the sake of the student, especially when the parties provide maintenance. There have been cases where judges have decided that the child must be returned to school or custody/parental authority has been lost.

❖ There are memberships that offer legal advice but you must read the small print of exceptions, because PR is not regulated and these insurances often exclude cover for lawyers to cases that are handled in family court (divorces, custody and pensions - which is where the HS is ventilated in the courts of PR).

