

New law creates the Remedial Education Commission as a joint collaboration between the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Provides that the purposes of the commission are to study the data on educational services provided in public elementary and secondary schools and remedial education provided at public postsecondary education institutions and recommend best practices to be used in providing such services. Specifies certain issues to be included in the study.

Provides for commission membership including the commissioner of higher education, the state superintendent of education, legislators, teachers, parents, and others representing elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, and representatives of various education organizations. Provides that legislative members shall receive per diem and travel allowance for attending commission meetings but prohibits other members of the commission from receiving compensation.

Requires the commissioner of higher education to convene the commission for its first meeting and provides for selection of officers and the development of a meeting schedule and time line for completion of commission duties. Requires the Board of Regents and the state Dept. of Education to designate staff to assist the commission. Requires the commission to submit a written report of study findings and recommendations to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2012 R.S.

Provides that the commission shall terminate on June 30, 2012.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 24, 2011).

(Adds R.S. 17:3140 and R.S. 36:651(G)(3))