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Provides relative to boards and commissions

Proposed law abolishes certain commissions, councils, boards, and other similar entities. In certain cases, the proposed law transfers the functions of these abolished entities to other existing entities to continue. A full list of entities is detailed below. It also provides for the transfer and deposit of any lands or funds associated with the abolished entities into the state treasury, except when required for deposit in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.

Proposed law also requires that the Division of Administration (DOA) continue to receive and post certain information from the boards/commissions on its web site, but now requires that such information be provided annually by February 1st of each year. Failure to do so will result in a notice of noncompliance sent by certified mail to the board with a request for the information. Failure by the board to comply with the information request within 90 days (the response period) will result in legislative sunset review of the entity within 60 days of the end of the response period and an annual report.

EXPENDITURES	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total						

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Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

It is anticipated that SGF expenditure savings will be nominal as a result of the elimination or transference of these entities since they were either never formed or are currently inactive, did not receive funding or reimbursement, or their duties will continue under a different entity with no significant change in funding. Nominal savings that may be generated include savings from the discontinued use of administrative support (such as mailings and electronic notices) performed by current staff at the agencies that oversee these entities' activities. Since these personnel are tasked with multiple duties at the oversight agencies, no agency personnel will be reduced as a result of this legislation.

There will be a minimal SGF expenditure increase from the legislative oversight committee sunset review requirement. Legislative committee members will receive $149 in per diem payments for each meeting day and $0.565 per mile traveled, plus $11.40 in employer contributions to Social Security & Medicare ($160.40 total per day). Total expenditures will depend on whether the committees meet jointly or separately and on the makeup of the committees that meet for the sunset review.

Mailing & printing costs incurred by state boards/commissions associated with the new annual report are anticipated to be minimal. The 2013 U.S. Postal Service rate for certified mail with an electronic return receipt is $4.26 per item, which the DOA will incur for each certified letter of noncompliance mailed to the boards or commissions that do not comply with the annual reporting requirement. It is assumed these mailing costs can be absorbed within DOA's current operating budget.

Proposed law abolishes the following 13 entities & their functions: Academic Advisory Council, Commission on Men's Health & Welfare, Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council, Funding Review Panel, LA Information Technology Advisory Board & Technology Advisory Group, LA Sustainable Local Food Policy Council, Methadone Maintenance Program Needs Assessment Task Force, Mullet Task Force, Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund & its Board of Trustees, Reptile & Amphibian Task Force, and the Uniform Grading Scale Task Force. Proposed law abolishes the following additional entities, but transfers their functions to another entity for continuation: Ambulance Standards Committee with only certification functions transferred to the Dept. of Health & Hospitals; & the LA Bio-Fuel Panel with all functions transferred to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House
☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F) >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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