

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 900 by Representative Hodges

MOTOR VEHICLES: Creates the Louisiana Advisory Council on Driver Education

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Identifies the driving schools as licensed and approved commercial driving schools.
2. Provides the commissioner shall fill vacancies for unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment.
3. Allows compensation and reimbursement of members by their employer.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law creates the La. Advisory Council on Driver Education, which consists of seven members and serves to provide input and guidance to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections on matters pertaining to rules, regulations, and standards for licensure of driving school providers. Provides for five voting members and two nonvoting exofficio members appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

Proposed law provides that the membership shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One current officer of the Driving School Association of La.
- (2) Two owners of commercial driving schools.
- (3) Two secondary education professionals from the Dept. of Education.
- (4) One representative of the office of motor vehicles, who shall be the nonvoting member.
- (5) One representative of the La. Highway Safety Commission.

Proposed law provides that if a voting member is unable to attend a meeting, he may designate a person to serve as a proxy for voting purposes.

Proposed law provides that members will serve two-year terms, and shall be automatically removed if a member has more than one unexcused absence during any 12-month period. Specifies that a quorum consists of a simple majority of the active voting members, and a vacant seat is not counted as an active voting member in determining a quorum.

Proposed law provides that the officers of the council include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

Proposed law provides that meetings shall be quarterly. Requires that meetings be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the state's Open Meetings Law and procedural matters be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Provides that meetings will be held at the office of motor vehicles in Baton Rouge.

Proposed law provides that members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses other than compensation and reimbursement provided for by their employers.

Proposed law provides that this Act shall become effective on Jan. 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 32:422.2)