

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 465

BY SENATOR BISHOP

STUDENTS. Provides relative to student discipline. (8/1/18)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:253(B) and to enact R.S. 17:253(B)(21) through (25), relative to student behavior and discipline; to provide relative to the membership of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:253(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:253(B)(21) through (25) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§253. Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

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B. The advisory council shall be composed of ~~twenty-four~~ **twenty-eight** members as follows:

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(21) The executive director of Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children, or his designee.

(22) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.

(23) The president of MetroMorphosis, or his designee.

- (8) Three members shall be the parent of a child who presents challenging behavior, two of whom shall be the parent of a child with exceptionalities, other than gifted and talented, all of whom shall be appointed by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.
- (9) One member appointed by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.
- (10) One member appointed by the Louisiana Advocacy Center.
- (11) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association.
- (12) One member appointed by the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- (13) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (14) One member shall be a classroom teacher appointed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
- (15) One member shall be a classroom teacher appointed by the Louisiana Association of Educators.
- (16) One member shall be a classroom teacher appointed by the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana.
- (17) One member appointed by the Southern Poverty Law Center.
- (18) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.
- (19) One member appointed by the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights.
- (20) One member appointed by the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association.

Proposed law increases the council's membership to 29 by adding the following members:

- (21) The executive director of Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children, or his designee.
- (22) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (23) The president of MetroMorphosis, or his designee.
- (24) The president of the Louisiana Psychological Association, or his designee.
- (25) The president of the Louisiana School Counselors Association, or his designee.

Proposed law requires the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline to review current state laws, policies, and regulations regarding student behavior and discipline and submit a written report of its findings, including recommendations for needed changes, to the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Education, and the state senator who represents Senate District No. 4, not later than February 15, 2019.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 17:253(B)(intro para); adds R.S. 17:253(B)(21) through (25))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions relative to discipline of students, allowed disciplinary measures, disciplinary hearings, and responsibilities of school governing authorities relative to discipline and other student-related policies.
2. Increases the membership of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline from 24 to 28 members.
3. Requires the advisory council to review current laws, policies, and regulations regarding student discipline and report findings and recommendations to the senate and house education committees and the state senator from Senate District No. 4, not later than Feb. 15, 2019.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds the president of the Louisiana School Counselors Association, or his designee to the list of members of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline.