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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 465

2018 Regular Session

Bishop

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

STUDENTS. Provides relative to the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Make a technical correction.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Terminated the advisory council effective February 15, 2019.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that by February 15 of each calendar year the council members shall elect a new chair from among the council's membership.
2. Change the effective date.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law establishes the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline to provide advice and guidance to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education regarding best practices in providing support to public school governing authorities in the adoption and implementation of each school's master plan for student behavior and discipline.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the council shall consist of 24 members as follows:

- (1) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (2) Three members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Association of Principals. The association shall appoint one principal or assistant principal from the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

- (3) One member shall be a local school superintendent, appointed by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.
- (4) One member shall be a child welfare and attendance officer, appointed by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.
- (5) One member shall be a safe and drug-free schools coordinator, appointed by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.
- (6) One member shall be a director of special education, appointed by the Louisiana Association of Special Education Administrators.
- (7) One member shall be a pupil appraisal coordinator, appointed by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.
- (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.

Present law provides that the chair of the council shall be elected by the members of the council.

Proposed law provides that the council shall elect a new chair from among its membership by February 15 of each calendar year.

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 upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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