

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 169

BY SENATOR MIZELL

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. Requires annual meetings of and reports from the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(i), (F), and (G) and to repeal Sections 3 and 4(B) of Act 180 of the 2020 Regular Session, relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to provide relative to the membership officers, and duties of a task force of the commission; to provide relative to meetings and reports of the commission; to repeal the termination date of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(i), (F), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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E. The commission shall study and make recommendations relative to establishing a vision for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana. When conducting analysis and making recommendations relative to a vision and framework, the commission shall do all of the following:

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1 (8) Establish and appoint members to a task force to identify and recommend
 2 alternative state and local funding strategies for quality early childhood care and
 3 education and strategies to address workforce compensation and benefits issues
 4 within the early childhood care and education field. The commission shall
 5 incorporate the task force's findings and recommendations into the report that the
 6 commission produces pursuant to Subsection F of this Section.

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8 (b) * * *
 9 (i) The two co-chairs of the commission, each of whom may designate
 10 someone to serve in his place, shall serve as the co-chairs of the task force.

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12 F. Not later than ~~fourteen~~ thirty days prior to the beginning of ~~the 2021~~ each
 13 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature, the commission shall produce a report of its~~
 14 ~~findings and recommendations. Not later than fourteen days prior to the beginning~~
 15 ~~of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature,~~ regular session of the legislature,
 16 the commission shall ~~produce~~ provide a report ~~on~~ of its findings and
 17 recommendations and the status of the implementation of its recommendations:
 18 The reports ~~shall be provided~~ to the governor, the members of the legislature, the
 19 state superintendent of education, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
 20 Education ~~no less than fourteen days prior to the first day of the regular session~~.

21 G. The commission shall meet at least twice between ~~the 2020 and 2021~~
 22 ~~Regular Sessions of the Legislature and shall meet at least twice between the 2021~~
 23 ~~and 2022 Regular Sessions of the Legislature during which meetings~~ consecutive
 24 regular sessions of the legislature. At each meeting, the state Department of
 25 Education shall provide updates on how the commission's recommendations are
 26 being implemented. The commission shall make any further recommendations it
 27 deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established pursuant to
 28 Subsection E of this Section.

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1 Section 2. Sections 3 and 4(B) of Act 180 of the 2020 Regular Session are hereby
2 repealed.

3 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

	DIGEST	
SB 169 Original	2022 Regular Session	Mizell

Present law provides for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission, including its membership, duties, and responsibilities. Requires the commission to establish a task force.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that the co-chairs of the commission will serve as co-chairs of the task force.

Proposed law requires the task force to study and make recommendations relative to compensation issues within the early childhood care and education field.

Present law requires at least fourteen days prior to the beginning of the 2023 and 2024 regular sessions of the legislature that the commission to provide reports to the governor, members of the legislature, state superintendent of education, and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Proposed law requires the commission to make the reports annually and at least thirty days prior to each regular session of the legislature.

Present law requires the commission to meet at least twice between the 2022 and 2023 regular sessions and at least twice between the 2023 and 2024 sessions.

Proposed law requires the commission to meet at least twice annually between consecutive regular sessions of the legislature.

Present law provides the commission shall terminate effective July 1, 2022.

Proposed law repeals the provisions of present law relative to the termination of the commission.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(intro para) and (b)(i), (F), and (G); repeals Sections 3 and 4(B) of Act 180 of the 2020 Regular Session)