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 DIGEST

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SB 150 Reengrossed

2023 Regular Session

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Proposed law creates the La. Literacy Commission (commission) for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving, strengthening, and supporting literacy in La. Provides for 15 members and requires the commission to meet at least once every three months. Requires the state supt. of education to call the first meeting by Sept. 1, 2023. Requires the state Dept. of Education to provide updates on the implementation of the commission's recommendations at each meeting and to provide staff and other support for the commission.

Proposed law requires the commission to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the legislature, the state supt. of education, and the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Proposed law terminates the La. Early Literacy Commission provided for in Senate Resolution No. 133 of the 21R.S.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:410.11 and R.S. 36:651(F)(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Add teachers to the board, one selected by the Louisiana Association of Educators and one selected by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
2. Terminate the Louisiana Early Literacy Commission provided for in Senate Resolution No. 133 of the 2021 Regular Session.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Add the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools or his designee to the board.
2. Add one member appointed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to the board.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill:

1. Increase commission membership from 13 to 15 members by adding a teacher from La. Key Academy and the leader of Decoding Dyslexia and make technical changes.