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HOUSE BILL NO. 190

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (H) and to enact
3	R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(mm) and (nn) and (5), relative to early childhood care and
4	education; to increase the membership of the Early Childhood Care and Education
5	Commission; to provide for membership terms; to provide relative to the quorum of
6	the commission; to authorize the commission chairs to establish an executive
7	committee and to delegate to such committee certain duties and responsibilities; and
8	to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (H) are hereby
11	amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(mm) and (nn) and (5) are hereby enacted
12	to read as follows:
13	§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission
14	* * *
15	C.(1) The commission is composed of forty-one forty-three members as
16	follows:
17	* * *
18	(mm) One representative of a nongovernmental economic development
19	organization, appointed by the chief executive officer of the Committee of 100 for
20	Economic Development, Inc.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	(nn) One representative of a child advocacy organization, appointed by the
2	executive director of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children.
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4	(5) Members shall serve a term of four years from the date of appointment.
5	However, the term of a member appointed by an elected official shall not extend
6	beyond the term of the appointing authority.
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8	H.(1) A majority of the members of the commission, excluding any
9	vacancies, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The affirmative
10	vote of a majority of the commission members present and voting shall be necessary
11	for any action taken by the commission.
12	(2) The chairs of the commission may establish an executive committee
13	composed of at least five commission members. The chairs may delegate certain
14	duties and responsibilities to the executive committee and authorize the executive
15	committee to take such actions on behalf of the commission as the chairs deem
16	appropriate. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for
17	the transaction of business. The affirmative vote of a majority of the executive
18	committee members present and voting shall be necessary for any action taken by
19	the executive committee.
20	(3) The commission shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge but may hold public
21	hearings elsewhere in the state.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission to study and make recommendations relative to early childhood care and education. <u>Proposed law</u> revises present law as follows:

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- (1) <u>Present law provides for 41 members. Proposed law increases the membership from 41 to 43 by adding a representatives of a nongovernmental economic development organization and a child advocacy organization.</u>
- (2) <u>Proposed law</u> provides for four-year terms but specifies that terms of members appointed by elected officials shall not extend beyond the term of the appointing authority.
- (3) <u>Present law</u> provides that a majority of commission members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. <u>Proposed law</u> excludes vacancies from this majority and specifies that the affirmative vote of those present and voting is required for any action of the commission.
- (4) <u>Proposed law</u> authorizes commission chairs to establish an executive committee, to delegate certain commission duties and responsibilities to the committee, and to authorize the committee to take certain actions on the commission's behalf.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(intro. para.) and (H); Adds R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(mm) and (nn) and (5))