
DIGEST

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HB 589 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

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Abstract: Provides relative to the effectiveness of laws requiring reports to be submitted annually to the legislature by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Dept. of Education and provides relative to certain commissions and advisory councils.

Reports

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding present law:

- (1) Any present law requirement for the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to annually submit to the legislature a report as defined by present law (R.S. 24:771) shall cease to be effective on August first two years following the date of the first publication of the report unless renewed by the legislature.
- (2) If a bill providing for the renewal of a report does not become law, the statute creating and continuing such report shall be construed as repealed on the applicable termination date.

Present law (R.S. 24:771) defines a "report" as:

- (1) Any report that is a public record and is requested by the legislature or is required by law or resolution to be submitted to the legislature or to either house or to any committee or joint committee thereof, other than reports of standing committees of the House or Senate.
- (2) Those reports of special committees, commissions, and task forces on which a member or members of the legislature serve, reports prepared for the legislature by any agency, or reports prepared for the legislature by a private individual or organization.

Commissions and advisory councils

Present law provides for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission, requires it to meet at least four times annually, and requires it to establish a task force. Proposed law reduces the number of required annual meetings from four to two and abolishes the task force. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law establishes the La. Environmental Education Commission for the purpose of advising agencies and officials with respect to environmental education. Proposed law abolishes this commission and transfers its duty relative to developing a curriculum framework for environmental

education programs to DOE.

Present law establishes the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline for the purpose of advising BESE and DOE on best practices with respect to school master plans for student behavior and discipline. Proposed law abolishes this advisory council.

Effective August 1, 2025, except that proposed law relative to reports is effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 407.101(G), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii); Adds R.S. 17:2; Repeals R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Reinstates present law providing for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission except for the following changes:
 - (a) The reduction of its required number of annual meetings from four to two.
 - (b) The abolition of its task force.