

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS, WILFORD
CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, HUGHES, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX,
MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(introductory paragraph) and (5) through (24) and
3 (D) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(l), relative to the
4 Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; to provide for the
5 membership of the council; to provide for payment of certain expenses; to provide
6 for the duties of the council; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(introductory paragraph) and (5) through (24) and (D)
9 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(l) are
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3138.7. Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

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13 B. The council shall be composed of ~~twenty-four~~ twenty-six members as
14 follows:

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16 (5) The chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical
17 College, or his designee.

18 (6) The chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, or his designee.

19 ~~(6)~~ (7) The chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, or his designee.

20 ~~(7)~~ (8) The chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, or his
21 designee.

22 ~~(8)~~ (9) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and
23 Extension Center, or his designee.

~~(9)~~ (10) The president of Grambling State University, or his designee.

~~(10)~~ (11) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.

~~(11)~~ (12) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.

~~(12)~~ (13) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or his designee.

~~(13)~~ (14) The president of the Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or his designee.

~~(14)~~ (15) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.

~~(15)~~ (16) ~~The president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, or his designee.~~ The president of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, or his designee.

~~(16)~~ (17) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

~~(17)~~ (18) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

~~(18)~~ (19) The chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, or his designee.

~~(19)~~ (20) A member of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, appointed by the chairman of the caucus. If the chairman of the caucus is a member of the House of Representatives, the appointed member shall be a member of the Senate. If the chairman of the caucus is a member of the Senate, the appointed member shall be a member of the House of Representatives.

~~(20)~~ (21) The president of Xavier University of Louisiana, or his designee.

~~(21)~~ (22) The president of Dillard University, or his designee.

~~(22)~~ (23) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.

~~(23)~~ (24) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.

~~(24)~~ (25) A student serving as student body president of a public or private HBCU in Louisiana, selected annually by the HBCU student body presidents.

(26) An at-large member appointed by the chairman of the council, who shall serve for no more than two years.

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D.(1) Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses as provided by the appointing authority.

(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Board of Regents may pay for travel and lodging expenses for attendance at council meetings for the student member.

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G. The council shall:

(1) Advise the commissioner of higher education regarding methods to enhance the capabilities of HBCUs to serve the needs of their students and the state and methods whereby the state can better serve HBCUs. The council shall also help identify methods to:

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(1) Share best practices regarding campus safety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____