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Moreno HB No. 743

Abstract: Adds two voting members and one nonvoting member to the La. Sentencing Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the La. Sentencing Commission shall be composed of 22 members, including 18 voting members and four nonvoting members. <u>Present law</u> further provides that of the 18 voting members, 13 shall be appointed by the governor subject to certain qualifications.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that these 13 voting members appointed by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation and shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the governor.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the addition of the following two voting members, appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation:

- (1) One person who has experience and expertise in the juvenile justice system, including matters related to juvenile adjudications and dispositions and their impact on the juvenile, the family of the juvenile, and public safety.
- (2) A judge with experience in hearing juvenile cases on his or her docket.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the deputy secretary of DPS&C, youth services, office of juvenile justice, or his designee, as a fifth nonvoting member of the commission.

(Amends R.S. 15:323(A), (B)(2)(intro. para.), and (D); Adds R.S. 15:323(B)(2)(i) and (j))