Hodges (HB 900) Act. No. 426

<u>New law</u> creates the La. Advisory Council on Driver Education, which consists of seven members and serves to provide input and guidance to DPS&C on matters pertaining to rules, regulations, and standards for licensure of driving school providers. Provides for five voting members and two nonvoting ex officio members appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

New law provides that the membership shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One current officer of the Driving School Association of La.
- (2) Two owners of commercial driving schools.
- (3) Two secondary education professionals from the Dept. of Education.
- (4) One representative of the office of motor vehicles, who shall be a nonvoting member.
- (5) One representative of the La. Highway Safety Commission, who shall be a nonvoting member.

<u>New law</u> provides that if a voting member is unable to attend a meeting, he may designate a person to serve as a proxy for voting purposes.

<u>New law</u> provides that members will serve two-year terms, and shall be automatically removed if a member has more than one unexcused absence during any 12-month period. Specifies that a quorum consists of a simple majority of the active voting members, and a vacant seat is not counted as an active voting member in determining a quorum.

<u>New law</u> provides that the officers of the council include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

<u>New law</u> provides that meetings shall be quarterly. Requires that meetings be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the state's Open Meetings Law and procedural matters be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Provides that meetings will be held at the office of motor vehicles in Baton Rouge.

<u>New law</u> provides that members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses other than compensation and reimbursement provided for by their employers.

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(Adds R.S. 32:422.2)