DIGEST

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HB 501 Engrossed

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Abstract: Moves the La. Environmental Education Commission <u>from</u> the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries <u>to</u> the state Dept. of Education.

<u>Present law</u> creates within the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries the La. Environmental Education Commission that develops and promotes environmental education and, through the commission's staff section, administers litter abatement programs.

<u>Proposed law</u> moves the La. Environmental Education Commission <u>from</u> the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries <u>to</u> the state Dept. of Education.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for transitional provisions regarding obligations, rules and regulations, pending legal proceedings, and continuation of performance of duties by employees.

(Amends R.S. 30:2503(A)(1) and (C)(2), 2504(2) and (7), 2506(A), (B)(4), and (C)(15), 2517(A)(intro. para.), and R.S. 36:802(intro. para); Adds R.S. 36:651(CC); Repeals R.S. 36:610(B)(10))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> Environment to the original bill:

- 1. Clarify that the La. Environmental Education Commission is transferring to the state Dept. of Education and will be under the direction and control of the state superintendent of education.
- 2. Add reporting to the House Committee on Education and Senate Committee on Education.
- 3. Remove creation of the Litter Abatement and Education Fund.
- 4. Add transitional provisions regarding obligations, rules and regulations, pending legal proceedings, and continuation of performance of duties by employees.