The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

DIGEST

SB 150 Reengrossed | 2023 Regular Session | Robert Mills

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Literacy Commission (commission) within the state Dept. of Education (DOE) for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving, strengthening, and supporting literacy in Louisiana. Provides for commission membership, quorum, staffing, compensation, committees, and powers and duties. Requires commission and committee meetings to comply with present law provisions of the Open Meetings Law.

Proposed law requires the commission to meet at least once every three months. Requires the state supt. of education to call the first meeting no later than September 1, 2023. Requires DOE to provide updates on the implementation of the commission's recommendations at each meeting.

Proposed law requires the commission to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the legislature, the state supt. of education, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:410.11 and R.S. 36:651(F)(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Add teachers to the board, one selected by the Louisiana Association of Educators and one selected by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

2. Terminate the Louisiana Early Literacy Commission provided for in Senate Resolution No. 133 of the 2021 Regular Session.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Add the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools or his designee to the board.

2. Add one member appointed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to the board.