2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

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1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(d), (E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and
3	(b)(introductory paragraph), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(b)(ix),
4	relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to provide relative
5	to the officers and duties of a task force of the commission; to require the
6	commission report to the legislature; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
7	related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(d), (E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and
10	(b)(introductory paragraph), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11	17:407.101(E)(8)(b)(ix) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission
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14	C.(1) The commission is composed of forty-one members as follows:
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16	(d) One representative of a special-needs disability advocacy organization,
17	appointed by the governor.
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19	E. The commission shall study and make recommendations relative to
20	establishing a vision for the future of early childhood care and education in
21	Louisiana. When conducting analysis and making recommendations relative to a
22	vision and framework, the commission shall do all of the following:
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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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1	(8) Establish and appoint members to a task force to identify and
2	recommend: alternative state and local funding strategies for quality early childhood
3	care and education, and strategies to address workforce compensation and benefits
4	issues within the early childhood care and education field, and a formula that could
5	be used on an annual basis to determine the funding necessary to sustain and grow
6	the early childhood care and education system and any necessary legal changes
7	needed to implement such a formula. The commission shall incorporate the task
8	force's findings and recommendations into the report that the commission produces
9	pursuant to Subsection F of this Section.
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11	(b) The task force shall have the following nine ten members:
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13	(ix) One person with significant experience in the generation and
14	administration of state government revenue.
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16	G. The commission shall meet at least twice between consecutive regular
17	sessions of the legislature four times per year. At each meeting, the state
18	Department of Education shall provide updates on how the commission's
19	recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make any further
20	recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established
21	pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.
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23	Section 2. R.S. 17:407.101(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
24	§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission
25	* * *
26	F. Not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of each regular session of
27	the legislature ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, the commission

the legislature ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, the commission shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the members of the

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1	legislature, the state superintendent of education, and the State Board of Elementary
2	and Secondary Education.
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4	Section 3.(A) Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective on
5	August 1, 2023.
6	(B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2024.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: