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SENATE BILL NO. 150

## BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS AND REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

2 To enact Part XIII of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:410.11, and R.S. 36:651(F)(8), relative to literacy; to create the 3 4 Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission; to provide for membership, quorum, 5 staffing, and powers and duties of the commission; to require certain reports; and to 6 provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. Part XIII of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 9 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:410.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows: 10 §410.11. Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission A. The Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission, referred to in this 11 12 Section as the "commission", is created within the Department of Education for 13 the purpose of providing recommendations for improving, strengthening, and 14 supporting literacy in Louisiana. 15 B. The commission shall be comprised of the following members: 16 (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or his designee. 17 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or his designee.

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1	(3) The governor or his designee.
2	(4) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
3	(5) The president of the Center for Literacy and Learning or his
4	designee.
5	(6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
6	or his designee.
7	(7) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of School
8	Superintendents or his designee.
9	(8) A staff member of the Board of Regents appointed by the
10	commissioner of higher education, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
11	commissioner.
12	(9) The executive director of the Louisiana Association for the Education
13	of Young Children or his designee.
14	(10) One teacher selected by the Louisiana Association of Educators.
15	(11) One teacher selected by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
16	(12) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public
17	Charter Schools or his designee.
18	(13) One member appointed by the State Board of Elementary and
19	Secondary Education.
20	(14) A teacher from Louisiana Key Academy appointed by the
21	academy's chief education officer.
22	(15) The leader of Decoding Dyslexia or his designee.
23	C.(1) A vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in
24	the same manner as the original appointment.
25	(2)(a) The commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from
26	among its membership.
27	(b) The state superintendent of education shall call the first meeting no
28	later than September 1, 2023, and shall preside over the meeting until the
29	commission elects a chairman.
30	(3) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation

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1	except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually
2	entitled as members of their constituent organizations.
3	(4) The commission shall meet upon the call of the chairman but not less
4	frequently than once every three months. At each meeting the state Department
5	of Education shall provide updates on the progress of implementation of the
6	commission's recommendations. The commission shall make any further
7	recommendations necessary to fulfill its duties.
8	(5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
9	quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the members present and
10	voting shall be necessary for the commission to take any action. The commission
11	and any committees created pursuant to Paragraph (E)(5) of this Section shall
12	be domiciled in Baton Rouge but may hold public hearings elsewhere in the
13	state. All meetings of the commission and its committees shall comply with the
14	provisions of the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq.
15	D. The state Department of Education shall provide staff and other
16	support for the commission.
17	E. The commission shall study and make recommendations to the State
18	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state Department of
19	Education, and the legislature for improving literacy in Louisiana. When
20	conducting analysis and making recommendations, the commission shall have
21	the following powers and duties:
22	(1) To serve as the advisory board to the State Board of Elementary and
	Secondary Education and the state Department of Education on matters
23	relating to literacy.
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1	(4) To request and review state, regional, and national literacy data to
2	determine and understand the effectiveness and impact of literacy initiatives,
3	reforms, and practices.
4	(5) To establish and appoint members of the commission to committees
5	to identify, analyze, and make recommendations to the commission in the areas
6	<u>of:</u>
7	(a) Dyslexia.
8	(b) Early childhood literacy.
9	(c) Any other area deemed appropriate by the commission.
10	F. Not later than February sixth annually, the commission shall provide
11	a report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the
12	implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the members of the
13	legislature, the state superintendent of education, and the State Board of
14	Elementary and Secondary Education. The report shall be submitted to the
15	David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and
16	<u>772.</u>
17	Section 2. R.S. 36:651(F)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
18	§651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
19	Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of
20	Education
21	* * *
22	F. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
23	Department of Education as provided in R.S. 36:901 et seq.:
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25	(8) The Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission (R.S. 17:410.11).
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27	Section 3. The Louisiana Early Literacy Commission provided for in Senate
28	Resolution No. 133 of the 2021 Regular Session is hereby terminated.
29	Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
30	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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