

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

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

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(introductory paragraph) and (5) through (24) and
3 (D) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(l), relative to the
4 Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; to provide for the
5 membership of the council; to provide for payment of certain expenses; to provide
6 for the duties of the council; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(introductory paragraph) and (5) through (24) and (D)
9 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(l) are
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3138.7. Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

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13 B. The council shall be composed of ~~twenty-four~~ twenty-six members as
14 follows:

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16 (5) The chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical
17 College, or his designee.

18 (6) The chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, or his designee.

19 (6) (7) The chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, or his designee.

1 ~~(7)~~ (8) The chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, or his
2 designee.

3 ~~(8)~~ (9) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and
4 Extension Center, or his designee.

5 ~~(9)~~ (10) The president of Grambling State University, or his designee.

6 ~~(10)~~ (11) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
7 Education, or his designee.

8 ~~(11)~~ (12) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his
9 designee.

10 ~~(12)~~ (13) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or his
11 designee.

12 ~~(13)~~ (14) The president of the Louisiana State Conference of the National
13 Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or his designee.

14 ~~(14)~~ (15) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.

15 ~~(15)~~ (16) The president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana,
16 or his designee.

17 ~~(16)~~ (17) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

18 ~~(17)~~ (18) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

19 ~~(18)~~ (19) The chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, or his
20 designee.

21 ~~(19)~~ (20) A member of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, appointed
22 by the chairman of the caucus. If the chairman of the caucus is a member of the
23 House of Representatives, the appointed member shall be a member of the Senate.
24 If the chairman of the caucus is a member of the Senate, the appointed member shall
25 be a member of the House of Representatives.

26 ~~(20)~~ (21) The president of Xavier University of Louisiana, or his designee.

27 ~~(21)~~ (22) The president of Dillard University, or his designee.

28 ~~(22)~~ (23) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his
29 designee.

Proposed law increases the council's membership from 24 to 26 by adding the chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and an at-large member appointed by the chairman of the council.

Present law requires one member to be a student serving as student body president of an HBCU in La. Proposed law authorizes the Bd. of Regents to pay for certain expenses for such member.

Proposed law requires the council to help identify methods to share best practices regarding campus safety.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(intro. para.) and (5)-(24) and (D); Adds R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(I))