

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 79 by Representative Ritchie

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Changes the name of the High School Redesign Commission and provides for commission membership and vacancies

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Decreases commission membership from certain groups, organizations, and associations.
2.	Provides for the removal of members who are not legal residents of La., are not active members or employees of the organizations or agencies they represent, or have two consecutive (unexcused) absences from commission meetings.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law creates and provides for the High School Redesign Commission for the purpose of making recommendations for the development of statewide policies, principles, and programs that address the state's economic needs and promoting student success in high school and life beyond secondary education. Places the commission as an advisory agency within the Dept. of Education of the executive branch of state government. Provides for commission membership to be composed of the governor, the state superintendent of education, legislators, persons from state education boards and agencies, persons from various education-related groups and organizations appointed by such groups and organizations, and persons from business and community organizations appointed by the governor. Further provides that commission members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and vacancies be filled in the manner of original appointment.

Proposed law retains present law except renames the commission as the College and Career Readiness Commission and decreases the commission membership as follows:

- (1) One member, instead of two, from the La. Task Force on Workforce Competitiveness.
- (2) One representative, instead of four, from the La. School Boards Association.
- (3) One representative, instead of two, from the La. Association of School Superintendents.
- (4) One representative, instead of two, from the La. Association of Principals.
- (5) One representative, instead of two, from the La. Association of School Executives.
- (6) Two representatives, instead of four, from business, civic, labor, or community organizations.

Proposed law adds that a commission member shall be removed and his seat declared vacant if he is no longer a legal resident of La., fails to remain active in or is no longer employed by the organization or agency he was appointed to represent, or is absent from two consecutive commission meetings unless excused by the commission chairman.

(Amends R.S. 17:3217.1(C)(1), the heading of Chapter 41 of Title 17, and 3951(A), (B), and (C) and R.S. 36:651(G)(2))