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## DIGEST

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HB No. 936

**Abstract:** Establishes the La. Military Advisory Council within the Dept. of Economic Development and provides for the membership, officers, terms of office, compensation, and its powers and duties.

Proposed law establishes the La. Military Advisory Council within the Dept. of Economic Development.

Proposed law provides for the council to be comprised of 25 members as follows:

- (1) The governor or his designee.
- (2) The adjutant general or his designee.
- (3) The president of the Senate or a designated senator.
- (4) The speaker of the House of Representatives or a designated state representative.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee.
- (7) The following members as appointed by the governor:
  - (a) The chair of the La. Employer Support of the guard and reserve.
  - (b) The president of Barksdale Forward or an advocate.
  - (c) The president of Fort Polk Progress or an advocate.
  - (d) The president of Callendar Commitment or an advocate.
  - (e) The chair of the New Orleans Mayor's Military Advisory Council or an advocate.
  - (f) Five from retired flag, general or O-6 officers, or a command sergeant major representing each of the armed services, national guard, and the reserves.

(g) Nine members to be appointed at-large representing certain organizations.

Proposed law provides for staggered terms for all appointments made by the governor.

Proposed law provides for appointment of chair, vice chair, and executive director to be made by the governor and any additional officers to be elected by the membership.

Proposed law requires the council to meet biannually.

Proposed law prohibits members and military liaisons from receiving additional compensation or per diem for their service and authorizes state employees and elected public officials to receive per diem.

Proposed law provides for certain duties and powers of the council.

Proposed law requires the council to submit an annual status and progress report on Jan. 1 of each year to the governor.

Proposed law authorizes the council to request studies or analyses for purposes of accomplishing their required duties and objectives.

Proposed law authorizes the council to receive and expend funds made available from any source, including donations or gifts of money or services from public or private organizations, to be utilized for purposes of the council.

Proposed law requires the council to establish working groups to include the Military Sustainment Working Group to accomplish specific objectives.

Proposed law requires all departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state to cooperate with the council in implementing the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 29:61-68 and R.S. 36:109(V))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added a provision to Title 36 (Organization of the Executive Branch of State Government) to place the La. Military Advisory Council within the Dept. of Economic Development.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision authorizing the council to receive and expend funds made available from any source, including donations or gifts of money or services from public or private organizations, to be utilized for purposes of the council.
2. Added technical amendments.