

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

New 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.

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

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

New law requires the council to meet biannually.

New 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.

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

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

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

New 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.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2012.

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