

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

CORRECTIONS: Provides for membership of the reentry advisory council

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1199.4(C), (D)(introductory paragraph), (E)(introductory  
3 paragraph), and (G) and to enact R.S. 15:1199.4(D)(8) and (9) and (E)(7) through  
4 (12), relative to the reentry advisory council; to provide for additional members to  
5 the council; to provide for the nominating criteria for the additional members; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:1199.4(C), (D)(introductory paragraph), (E)(introductory  
9 paragraph), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:1199.4(D)(8) and (9) and  
10 (E)(7) through (12) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1199.4. Reentry Advisory Council; creation; members; powers and duties

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13 C. The council shall be comprised of ~~thirteen~~ twenty-one members.14 D. ~~Seven~~ Nine members of the council shall be comprised as follows:

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16 (8) The chairman of the board of directors for the Louisiana Housing  
17 Corporation, or his designee.

18 (9) The chief justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court, or his designee.

19 E. The governor shall appoint ~~six~~ twelve members in accordance with the  
20 following provisions:

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(7) One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominations from the

Louisiana District Attorneys' Association,

(8) One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominations from the

Louisiana Public Defender Board.

(9) One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominations from the

Louisiana District Judges' Association.

(10) One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominations from

the committee on parole.

(11) One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominations from

a victim's advocacy group.

(12) One member shall be appointment from a list of three nominations of

ex-offenders.

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G. ~~Seven~~ Eleven members shall constitute a quorum, and all actions of the

council shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases membership of the Reentry Advisory Council from 13 to 21 members.

Present law provides for the Reentry Advisory Council and Offender Rehabilitation Workforce Development Act. Further provides for the inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program to be administered by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections. Provides that the reentry advisory council shall function as an advisory body for DPS&C in administering the program.

Present law provides the following additional duties:

- (1) Identify methods to improve collaboration and coordination of offender transition services, including cross-agency training and information sharing that will help to improve outcomes for offenders.
- (2) Establish a means to share data, research, and measurement resources in relation to reentry initiatives with relevant agencies.

- (3) Identify funding areas that should be coordinated across agencies to maximize the delivery of state and community-based services as they relate to reentry.
- (4) Identify areas in which improved collaboration and coordination of programs and activities will result in increased effectiveness or efficiency of service delivery.
- (5) Promote areas of research and program evaluation that can be coordinated across agencies with an emphasis on applying evidence-based practices to support treatment and intervention programs for offenders.
- (6) Conduct a review of existing policies and practices and make specific recommendations to the legislature for systemic improvement.
- (7) Create and support local reentry councils in collaboration with community stakeholders throughout the state.
- (8) Commence offender reentry public education campaigns.
- (9) Enhance the role of faith and community-based services for formerly incarcerated persons.
- (10) Provide coordination of reentry initiatives across the state and ensure eligibility for Second Chance Act grant opportunities and other reentry grant opportunities.

Present law provides that the council consists of 13 members and that a quorum consists of seven.

Proposed law changes the number of council members from 13 to 21 members and provides that 11 members constitutes a quorum.

Proposed law provides for the nominating and appointing authority of the additional nine members.

(Amends R.S. 15:1199.4(C), (D)(intro. para.), (E)(intro. para.), and (G); Adds R.S. 15:1199.4(D)(8) and (9) and (E)(7)-(12))