

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

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

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: 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 to enact R.S.
3 17:3138.7(B)(24) and (25) and (G)(4), relative to the Advisory Council on
4 Historically Black Colleges and Universities; to provide for membership of the
5 council; to provide for an annual report to the legislature's education committees; and
6 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) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(24) and (25) and (G)(4) are hereby enacted to read as
10 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-three~~ twenty-five members as
14 follows:

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16 (24) The president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and
17 Universities, or his designee.

18 (25) A student serving as student body president of a public or private
19 HBCU in Louisiana, appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

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1 G. The council shall:

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3 (4) Submit an annual written report to the House Committee on Education
4 and the Senate Committee on Education, not later than sixty days prior to the
5 Regular Session of the Legislature, detailing its findings and recommendations on
6 all aspects of its work pursuant to this Subsection.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Present law provides for an Advisory Council on HBCUs that is composed of 23 members.

Proposed law adds two new members to the council:

- (1) The president of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities, or his designee.
- (2) A student serving as student body president of an HBCU appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

Present law requires the council to advise the commissioner of higher education on methods to improve HBCUs and to improve the ways in which the state serves HBCUs and to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to participate in federal and state programs and in La.'s workforce and economic development activities.

Proposed law requires the council to submit an annual report to the House and Senate education committees detailing its findings or recommendations.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.7; Adds R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(24) and (25) and (G)(4))