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## 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))