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HB 749 Reengrossed 2022 Regular Session Bishop

**Abstract:** Removes litter reduction and awareness responsibilities, litter abatement grants, and anti-litter programs from the Dept. of Education and places these functions within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law contains a La. Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Act, which creates and provides for an environmental education and litter reduction section within the Dept. of Education. Present law establishes the responsibilities of this department section as environmental education programming throughout the state as well as litter control awareness programming, a litter abatement grant program, and a host of programs designed to encourage anti-litter efforts from the private sector, including the following:

1. Adopt-a-beach program
2. Community improvement program
3. Beach sweep program
4. Inland water cleanup
5. Boaters' and fishermen's pledge
6. Adopt-a-byway program
7. Adopt-a-waterbody program

Proposed law removes litter reduction, litter control awareness, the litter abatement grant program, and the private sector anti-litter programs from under the Dept. of Education and places them each under the office of the secretary for the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Additionally, changes the name of the La. Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Act to the La. Environmental Education Act.

(Amends the heading of Subpart B-1 of Part III of Chapter I of Title 17 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 17:200, 203(7) and 205(Section heading) and (A), Adds R.S. 17:215(E) and R.S. 49:1131-1143; Repeals R.S. 17:203(3)-(6), 204, 205(C), and 206-214)

**Summary of Amendments Adopted by House**
The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.