
New law requires GOHSEP to promulgate standards and regulations in accordance with the APA regarding disbursement of assets and diversion of resources during a federally or gubernatorially declared emergency prior to Jan. 1, 2023.

Prior law established the Louisiana Commission on Nonprofit Safety and Security within GOHSEP. New law changes the name of the commission to the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security.

Existing law provides that the commission study and make recommendations on the security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terror attack in La. New law retains existing law and adds schools to the mission and focus of the commission.

Prior law established the composition of the commission.

New law changes the membership of the commission as follows:

1. The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.
2. The chair of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, or his designee.
3. The chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, or his designee.
4. The superintendent of state police, or his designee.
5. The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, or his designee with expertise in terrorist attacks.
6. The executive director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, or his designee.
7. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee.

Prior law provided that the director of GOHSEP or his designee serve as the chair of the commission.

New law provides that the commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of the members.

Existing law provides that the commission shall issue a report to GOHSEP.

New law retains existing law and adds the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security as recipients of the report issued by the commission.

Existing law establishes a grant program for eligible nonprofit organizations to apply for and receive grants to defray the cost of security enhancements or measures.

New law retains existing law and adds schools as eligible entities to apply for grant funding. New law further provides that eligible schools include public elementary or secondary schools in a city, parish, or other local public school district or other political subdivision and nonpublic schools approved by BESE.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 29:726.5(A), (B), and (D) and 726.6(A), (B), (C)(1), and (D); adds R.S. 29:726(E)(30) and 726.5(C)(4))