





1 §407.51. Advisory Council

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3 H.(†) The council shall do the following:

4 (1) ~~provide~~ Provide input and guidance to the board and the department on  
5 matters pertaining to the development and implementation of rules, regulations,  
6 bulletins, policies, or standards related to all early care and education programs,  
7 including early learning centers, enrollment in early learning centers, the Cecil J.  
8 Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program, the Child Care and Development Fund Block  
9 Grant, the Child Care Assistance Program, Early Head Start, and Head Start.

10 (2) ~~Beginning July 2, 2022, the council shall regularly evaluate the~~  
11 ~~implementation of the plan for early childhood care and education established by the~~  
12 ~~Early Childhood Care and Education Commission and provide recommendations to~~  
13 ~~support its implementation.~~ Study and make recommendations relative to  
14 establishing a vision for the future of early childhood care and education in  
15 Louisiana.

16 (3) Determine a sustainable infrastructure to ensure quality programs across  
17 early childhood providers.

18 (4) Identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination among  
19 programs and agencies responsible for development of children from birth through  
20 age four.

21 (5) Determine the amount of funding needed to achieve affordable access to  
22 quality care and education for all children from birth through age four and  
23 recommend policies that prioritize the allocation of future funding.

24 (6) Gather and analyze data, laws, and policy in Louisiana and other states  
25 where children are in the care of family child care providers and consider and make  
26 recommendations relative to the incorporation of such providers into the early  
27 childhood care and education network.

28 (7) Identify and recommend alternative state and local funding strategies for  
29 quality early childhood care and education, strategies to address workforce



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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the effectiveness of laws requiring reports to be submitted annually to the legislature by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Dept. of Education and provides relative to certain commissions and advisory councils.

**Reports**

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding present law:

- (1) Any present law requirement for the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to annually submit to the legislature a report as defined by present law (R.S. 24:771) shall cease to be effective on August 1st two years following the date of the first publication of the report unless renewed by the legislature.
- (2) If a bill providing for the renewal of a report does not become law, the statute creating and continuing such report shall be construed as repealed on the applicable termination date.

Present law (R.S. 24:771) defines a "report" as:

- (1) Any report that is a public record and is requested by the legislature or is required by law or resolution to be submitted to the legislature or to either house or to any committee or joint committee thereof, other than reports of standing committees of the House or Senate.
- (2) Those reports of special committees, commissions, and task forces on which a member or members of the legislature serve, reports prepared for the legislature by any agency, or reports prepared for the legislature by a private individual or organization.

**Commissions and advisory councils**

Present law provides for both the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission and the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. Proposed law abolishes the commission and transfers some of its duties to the advisory council.

Present law establishes the La. Environmental Education Commission for the purpose of advising agencies and officials with respect to environmental education. Proposed law abolishes this commission and transfers its duty relative to developing a curriculum framework for environmental education programs to DOE.

Present law establishes the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline for the purpose of advising BESE and DOE on best practices with respect to school master plans for student behavior and discipline. Proposed law abolishes this advisory council.

Effective August 1, 2025, except that proposed law relative to reports is effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 407.51(H), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii); Adds R.S. 17:2; Repeals R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, 407.23(B)(6), and 407.101 and R.S. 36:651(E)(2) and (F)(5))