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## DIGEST

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HB 271 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Wyble

**Abstract:** Creates the La. Commission on Foundational Education and abolishes the La. Literacy Advisory Commission.

Proposed law creates the La. Commission on Foundational Education for the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations to improve foundational education policy. Provides for 20 members and their terms, commission meeting details, and commission powers and duties. Requires the state superintendent of education to call the first meeting by Sept. 15, 2026. Provides for staff support by the state Dept. of Education (DOE). Requires a report by Feb. 15th annually to the House and Senate education committees, governor, and State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Present law establishes the La. Literacy Advisory Commission for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving, strengthening, and supporting literacy and provides for staff support by DOE. Proposed law repeals present law and requires the department to provide for the transfer of the commission's records to the proposed law commission.

(Amends R.S. 36:651(F)(8); Adds R.S. 17:410.21; Repeals R.S. 17:410.11)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Increase commission's membership from 19 to 20.
2. Change commission's annual reporting deadline from March first to Feb. 15th.