

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(a) and (b) and (3), (E)(5), and (F)(1) and (2), relative to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council; to provide for council membership and for advisors to the council; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(a) and (b) and (3), (E)(5), and (F)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§973.1. Legislative Youth Advisory Council; purpose, membership, duties, administration, report, and student privacy

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B. Membership. (1) The council shall consist of ~~twenty-one youth~~ thirty-one members appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education as follows:

(a) ~~Two youth~~ Three members shall be appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large in a manner which reflects the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable.

(b) ~~Youth members~~ Members shall be selected pursuant to an application process as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and shall possess the qualifications as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

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(3) The following persons shall serve as ~~advisory, nonvoting members of~~ advisors to the council:

- 1 (a) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president.
- 2 (b) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker.
- 3 (c) The chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.
- 4 (d) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- 5 ~~(e) Up to seven persons, as may be designated by the commission, who have~~
- 6 ~~completed high school and are nineteen years of age or younger.~~
- 7 ~~(f) A representative of the Council of Student Body Presidents.~~

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9 E. Duties. The council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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11 (5) To submit an annual report by ~~May~~ **June** thirtieth of each year of its
12 activities, including any recommendations for proposed legislation, to the governor,
13 the Senate and House committees on education, and the commission.

14 F. Council administration. (1)(a) ~~There shall be a legislative chair and a youth~~
15 ~~chair of the council; however, the~~ **The** chairman of the Louisiana Commission on
16 Civic Education shall call the first meeting of the council ~~and shall serve as co-chair~~
17 ~~during the first year. Thereafter, the responsibility for presiding as a co-chair of the~~
18 ~~council shall rotate annually between the two advisory members from the Senate and~~
19 ~~the House of Representatives~~ **after selection of members each year.**

20 (b) ~~Youth officers~~ **Officers** shall be elected at the first meeting of **the council**
21 each calendar year, including a president who shall serve as ~~co~~-chair, and a vice
22 president, secretary, communications officer, and historian. All officers shall be
23 elected by the ~~voting~~ members of the council and shall serve for a term of one year.
24 Any vacancy in an office shall be filled with an election by the ~~voting~~ members of
25 the council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

26 (2) Members of the council shall serve without compensation, except
27 ~~legislative advisory members~~ **each appointed legislator advisor** shall receive
28 mileage and per diem **from his respective house** at the rate established by the
29 legislature when attending meetings of the council.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____