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SENATE BILL NO. 199

BY SENATOR BISHOP

POSTSECONDARY ED. Creates the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:3138.7 and R.S. 36:651(T)(7), relative to postsecondary education; to
3	establish the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities under
4	the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents; to provide relative to the membership,
5	powers, duties, and functions of the council; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§3138.7. Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
9	A. The Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
10	(HBCUs) is hereby established under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents.
11	In consultation with the Southern University System and Grambling State
12	University, the council shall provide guidance and advice to the commissioner
13	of higher education and the Board of Regents regarding best practices to
14	strengthen the capacity of Louisiana's public HBCUs.
15	B. The council shall be composed of 19 members as follows:
16	(1) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee.
17	(2) The president of the Southern University System, or his designee.

I	(3) The president of the University of Louisiana System, or his designee.
2	(4) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College
3	System, or his designee.
4	(5) The chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and
5	Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, or his designee.
6	(6) The chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, or his
7	designee.
8	(7) The chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, or his designee.
9	(8) The chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, or his
10	designee.
11	(9) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and
12	Extension Center, or his designee.
13	(10) The president of Grambling State University, or his designee.
14	(11) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
15	Education, or his designee.
16	(12) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or his
17	designee.
18	(13) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or
19	his designee.
20	(14) The president of the Louisiana State Conference of the National
21	Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or his designee.
22	(15) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.
23	(16) The president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana,
24	or his designee.
25	(17) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
26	(18) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
27	(19) The chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, or his
28	designee.
29	C. Members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing

1	authority and vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original
2	appointment.
3	D. Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed
4	for expenses as provided by the appointing authority.
5	E.(1) The commissioner of higher education shall call the first meeting
6	of the council no later than September 1, 2018, and a chairman shall be elected
7	from among the council's membership at this meeting.
8	(2) The council shall meet upon the call of the chairman, but not less than
9	twice annually.
10	F. The Board of Regents shall provide staff support to assist the council
11	in performing its duties and responsibilities.
12	G. The council shall:
13	(1) Advise the commissioner of higher education regarding methods to
14	enhance the capabilities of public HBCUs to serve the needs of their students
15	and the state and methods whereby the state can better serve HBCUs. The
16	advisory council shall also help identify methods to:
17	(a) Improve the identity, visibility, distinctive capabilities, and overall
18	competitiveness of HBCUs.
19	(b) Provide the highest quality education to the greatest number of
20	students.
21	(c) Promote centers of academic research and programmatic excellence.
22	(d) Strengthen the fiscal stability of HBCUs.
23	(e) Increase HBCUs contribution to the state's educational and
24	workforce goals.
25	(f) Elevate public awareness of the contributions and value of HBCUs.
26	(g) Encourage public-private investments in HBCUs.
27	(h) Engage the philanthropic, business, government, and education
28	communities in a dialogue regarding current and future HBCU programs and
29	initiatives.

1	(i) Foster enduring private-sector initiatives and public-private
2	partnerships.
3	(j) Inform public policy discussions and practices by improving the
4	availability and dissemination of high-quality information concerning HBCUs
5	to elected officials and the public.
6	(k) Share best practices regarding administrative and programmatic
7	processes.
8	(2) Strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to participate in federal and state
9	programs by:
10	(a) Working with state and federal departments, agencies, and offices to:
11	(i) Identifying programs and initiatives in which HBCUs may be either
12	underserved or underused as a resource.
13	(ii) Encouraging HBCUs to participate in state and federal programs and
14	<u>initiatives.</u>
15	(iii) Establishing methods to increase the capacity of HBCUs to
16	effectively compete for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.
17	(b) Encouraging public-sector and private-sector involvement with
18	HBCUs on such initiatives.
19	Section 2. R.S. 36:651(T)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
20	§651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
21	Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of
22	Education
23	* * *
24	T. The following agencies are placed within the Department of Education and
25	shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as
26	provided by law:
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28	(7) The Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
29	(R.S. 17:3138.7).

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

## DIGEST 2018 Regular Session

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<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents to provide guidance and advice to the commissioner of higher education and the Board of Regents regarding best practices to strengthen the capacity of the state's public HBCUs.

<u>Proposed law</u> sets the membership of the council to include the following 19 members:

- (1) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee.
- (2) The president of the Southern University System, or his designee.
- (3) The president of the University of Louisiana System, or his designee.
- (4) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, or his designee.
- (5) The chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, or his designee.
- (6) The chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, or his designee.
- (7) The chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, or his designee.
- (8) The chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, or his designee.
- (9) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, or his designee.
- (10) The president of Grambling State University, or his designee.
- (11) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.
- (12) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or his designee.
- (13) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or his designee.
- (14) The president of the Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or his designee.
- (15) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee.

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

- (16) The president of the ACLU of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (17) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (18) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (19) The chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, or his designee.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commissioner of higher education to call the first meeting of the council by September 1, 2018. Further provides that the chairman of the council be elected from among the membership at this meeting. Additionally provides that the council shall meet upon the call of the chairman, but not less than twice annually.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the council shall advise the commissioner of higher education regarding methods to enhance the capabilities of public HBCUs in order to better serve their students and the state and to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to participate in federal and state programs.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3138.7 and R.S. 36:651(T)(7))