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Proposed law 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.

Proposed law sets the membership of the council to include the following 19 members:

(1) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee.

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- (2) The president of the Southern University System, or his designee.
- The president of the University of Louisiana System, or his designee. (3)
- **(4)** The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, or his designee.
- The chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton (5) 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.
- The chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, or his designee. (8)
- (9) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, or his designee.
- The president of Grambling State University, or his designee. (10)
- (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.
- (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))