

- (15) The president of the ACLU of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (16) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (17) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (18) The chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, or his designee.
- (19) A member of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus appointed by the chairman of the caucus. If the chairman is a member of the House, the appointed member shall be a member of the Senate. If the member is a member of the Senate, the appointed member shall be a member of the House.
- (20) The president of Xavier University of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (21) The president of Dillard University, or his designee.
- (22) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (23) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of higher education to call the first meeting of the council by September 1, 2018. Further provides that the chairman and vice-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.

Proposed law provides that the council shall advise the commissioner of higher education regarding methods to enhance the capabilities of HBCUs in order to better serve their students and the state, to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to participate in federal and state programs, and to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to fully participate in Louisiana's workforce and economic development opportunities.

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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

- 1. Provides a purpose statement.
- 2. Includes private HBCUs.

3. Increases membership to 23 members and provides for their appointment.
4. Makes technical changes.
5. Provides for the selection of a vice-chairman.
6. Provides for additional functions of the council.