2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 312

BY SENATOR FESI

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to environmental education and litter reduction section of the State Department of Education. (gov sig)

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2503(A)(2), 2506(A) and

3   (B)(1), (2), (7)(a), and (9), relative to the state Department of Education; to provide

4   relative to the duties of the environmental and litter reduction section within the

5   department; to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Environmental

6   Education Commission; and to provide for related matters.

7   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8   Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2503(A)(2), 2506(A) and (B)(1),

9   (2), (7)(a), and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10   §2503. Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; creation; membership;

11   duties

12   A.   *   *   *

13   (2) The commission shall consist of the secretary of the Department of

14   Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee, the state superintendent of education or his

15   designee, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee,

16   the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee, the secretary

17   of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, the commissioner of the

1   Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, the chancellor of the

2   Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee, the chancellor of

3   Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College or his designee, **the**

4   **executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority or his**

5   **designee,** and the following members appointed by the governor:

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7   §2506. Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Section; staff; powers and

8   duties; cooperation; funding

9   A. There is hereby created, within the state Department of Education, the

10   environmental education and litter reduction section which shall assist the

11   commission and perform responsibilities relative to education and litter ~~control~~

12   **abatement** as provided for in this Chapter. Insofar as funds are appropriated, staff

13   may be employed under the direction and control of the state superintendent of

14   education and in accordance with policies of the department.

15   B. The section shall implement the provisions of this Part relative to

16   environmental education, including the following:

17   (1) ~~Administer and implement~~ **Receive advice and guidance on the**

18   **administration and implementation of** environmental education programs ~~on~~

19   ~~behalf of~~ **from** the commission.

20   (2) ~~Review the status of and design~~ **Design** plans for **K-12** environmental

21   education in the state regularly**,** ~~at the direction and~~ with the assistance of the

22   commission.

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24   (7) Function as an environmental education clearinghouse by doing the

25   following:

26   (a) Reviewing and recommending environmental education ~~materials~~

27   **resources**.

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29   (9) Initiate, develop, implement, assess, and market non-formal

1   environmental education programs; ~~facilitate, encourage, and support multi-school~~

2   ~~district cooperative efforts to determine the need for, develop, and~~ assess

3   environmental education curricula, promote state government and private sector

4   policy that is consistent with the environmental education strategic plan; and

5   coordinate non-formal environmental education with elementary, secondary, and

6   postsecondary environmental education programs.

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8   Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to

9   redesignate Chapter 20 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of

10   R.S. 30:2501 through 2521, as designated prior to the enactment of this Act, as Subpart B-1

11   of Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of

12   R.S. 17:200 through 220; and is further directed to redesignate any other section of law or

13   internal citations contained herein consistent with the provisions of this Act.

14   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

15   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

16   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

17   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

18   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
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Present law provides for the Environmental Education and Reduction Act and creates the
Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and specifies the membership of the
commission. Additionally provides for the environmental education and litter reduction
section within the state Department of Education (DOE) and provides for the powers, duties,
and programming of the section.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the executive director of the Louisiana Coastal
Protection and Restoration Authority, or his designee, to the membership of the commission.
Additionally clarifies provisions relative to the activities of the section.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to recodify specific sections of present law.

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

(Amends 30:2503(A)(2) (intro para), 2506(A) and (B)(1), (2), (7)(a), and (9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1.   Adds the executive director of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and
Restoration Authority to the Environmental Education Commission.

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