Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 743

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Adds two voting members and one nonvoting member to the La.
        Sentencing Commission

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 15:323(A), (B)(2)(introductory paragraph), and (D) and to enact

3   R.S. 15:323(B)(2)(i) and (j), relative to the Louisiana Sentencing Commission; to

4   provide for the membership of the commission; to provide for additional members

5   of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

6   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. R.S. 15:323(A), (B)(2)(introductory paragraph), and (D) are hereby

8   amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:323(B)(2)(i) and (j) are hereby enacted to read as

9   follows:

10   §323. Composition of commission

11   A. The commission shall be composed of twenty-two twenty-five members.

12   Eighteen Twenty members shall be voting members as designated in Subsection B

13   of this Section, and four five members shall be nonvoting members as designated in

14   Subsection D of this Section.

15   B.

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17   (2) Thirteen Fifteen voting members shall be appointed by the governor as

18   follows:

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1   (i) One person with experience and expertise in the juvenile justice system

2   including matters related to juvenile adjudications and dispositions and their impact

3   on the juvenile, the family of the juvenile, and public safety.

4   (j) A judge with experience in hearing juvenile cases on his or her docket.

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6   D. The following persons shall serve as the five nonvoting members of the

7   commission:

8   (1) A representative of the Louisiana State Law Institute as designated by its

9   ~~president, a~~ president.

10   (2) A representative of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and

11   Administration of Criminal Justice as designated by its ~~chairman, the~~ chairman.

12   (3) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or his

13   ~~designee, and one~~ designee.

14   (4) One professional having a doctorate degree in a social science or criminal

15   justice field appointed by the governor ~~shall serve as the four nonvoting members of~~

16   ~~the commission~~.

17   (5) The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,

18   youth services, office of juvenile justice, or his designee.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds two voting members and one nonvoting member to the La. Sentencing
          Commission.

Present law provides that the La. Sentencing Commission shall be composed of 22 members,
including 18 voting members and four nonvoting members. Present law further provides
that of the 18 voting members, 13 shall be appointed by the governor subject to certain
qualifications.

Present law further provides that these 13 voting members appointed by the governor shall
be subject to Senate confirmation and shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the
governor.

Proposed law provides for the addition of the following two voting members, appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation:

(1)   One person who has experience and expertise in the juvenile justice system, including matters related to juvenile adjudications and dispositions and their impact on the juvenile, the family of the juvenile, and public safety.

(2)   A judge with experience in hearing juvenile cases on his or her docket.

Proposed law adds the deputy secretary of DPS&C, youth services, office of juvenile justice, or his designee, as a fifth nonvoting member of the commission.

(Amends R.S. 15:323(A), (B)(2)(intro. para.), and (D); Adds R.S. 15:323(B)(2)(i) and (j))