

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 711

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides for changes to the Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:4(X), the title of Chapter 18 of Title 49 of the Louisiana
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 49:1211(E), 1212(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (K)
4 and 1213(B), relative to the Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men
5 and Boys; to change the name of the council; to move the council from the office of
6 the lieutenant governor to the office of the governor; to provide relative to the
7 membership and meetings of the council; to provide relative to the council's annual
8 report; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 36:4(X) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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13 X. The Louisiana Council on the ~~Social Status~~ Success of Black Men and
14 Boys, as provided for in R.S. 49:1211 et seq., shall be placed within the office of the
15 ~~lieutenant~~ governor and shall exercise its powers, duties, and functions as provided
16 by law.

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18 Section 2. The title of Chapter 18 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
19 1950 and R.S. 49:1211(E), 1212(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (K) and 1213(B) are hereby
20 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 CHAPTER 18. LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON THE ~~SOCIAL STATUS~~ SUCCESS
2 OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

3 §1211. Legislative findings

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5 E. With the goal of helping black men and boys to reach their full potential,
6 the Louisiana Legislature hereby enacts the Louisiana Council on the ~~Social Status~~
7 Success of Black Men and Boys to be the leading entity that provides and promotes
8 an environment that is conducive to productivity, success, and excellence for all
9 black men and boys in the state of Louisiana.

10 §1212. Louisiana Council on the ~~Social Status~~ Success of Black Men and Boys;
11 creation; domicile; membership

12 A. The Louisiana Council on the ~~Social Status~~ Success of Black Men and
13 Boys, hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as the "council", is hereby established
14 in the executive branch of state government in the office of the ~~lieutenant~~ governor.
15 The council is hereby declared to be a body corporate and public, exercising public
16 and essential governmental functions. The domicile of the council shall be in the
17 city of Baton Rouge.

18 B. The council shall be comprised of ~~nineteen~~ twenty-one members as
19 provided in this Subsection and Subsection C of this Section:

20 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

21 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker
22 of the House of Representatives.

23 (3)(a) ~~A representative of a religious community appointed by the chairman~~
24 ~~of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.~~

25 (b) ~~A representative of a religious community appointed by the chairman of~~
26 ~~the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.~~ Two members of
27 religious communities appointed by the governor.

28 (4) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health within the
29 Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

1 (5) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family
2 Services who has expertise in the needs of children appointed by the secretary of the
3 department.

4 (6) The state superintendent of education or his designee who has expertise
5 in early childhood education.

6 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and
7 Corrections who has expertise in reentry or recidivism appointed by the secretary of
8 the department.

9 (8) The ~~lieutenant~~ governor or his designee.

10 (9) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his designee.

11 (10) ~~The chairman of the Juvenile Justice Commission.~~

12 ~~(11)~~ The deputy secretary for the office of juvenile justice; or his designee.

13 (11) Three representatives from community organizations or foundations
14 appointed by the governor.

15 C. The ~~lieutenant~~ governor shall appoint five members as provided for in this
16 Subsection. The presidents of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical
17 College, Grambling State University, Dillard University, Xavier University, and
18 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall each
19 submit to the ~~lieutenant~~ governor a list of three nominees. The ~~lieutenant~~ governor
20 shall appoint one member from the list of nominees submitted by the president of
21 each academic institution.

22 D. ~~Ten~~ Twelve members shall constitute a quorum, and all actions of the
23 council shall require the affirmative vote of at least ten members.

24 E. The ~~lieutenant~~ governor shall appoint the chairman of the council, and the
25 council shall annually elect a vice chairman from among its members.

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27 K. The ~~lieutenant~~ governor shall provide staff and administrative support to
28 the council.

1 §1213. Council; powers and duties

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3 B. The council shall issue its first annual report by February 1, ~~2009~~ 2019,
4 and by January ~~first~~ fifteenth each following year, stating the findings, conclusions,
5 and recommendations of the council. The council shall submit the report to the
6 governor, lieutenant governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House
7 of Representatives, and the chairmen of the committees with appropriate jurisdiction
8 in the House and Senate.

DIGEST

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HB 711 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the La. Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Present law creates the La. Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys within the office of the lieutenant governor to be the leading entity that provides and promotes an environment that is conducive to prosperity, success, and excellence for all black men and boys in the state. Proposed law changes council name to the La. Council on the Success of Black Men and Boys and places it within the office of the governor; otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the council is comprised of 19 members. Proposed law provides that the council is comprised of 21 members.

Proposed law retains present law regarding the following members:

- (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate president.
- (2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health within the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (4) The state superintendent of education or his designee who has expertise in early childhood education.
- (5) The secretary of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (6) The deputy secretary for the office of juvenile justice or his designee.

Present law provides that the following are members:

- (1) A representative of the La. Dept. of Children and Family Services who has expertise in the needs of children.

- (2) A representative of the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections who has expertise in reentry or recidivism.

Proposed law retains present law except to provide that such members are appointed by the secretary of the respective department.

Present law provides for the chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to each appoint a representative of a religious community. Proposed law provides for the governor to appoint two representatives of religious communities.

Proposed law removes the chairman of the Juvenile Justice Commission as a member and provides that the governor or his designee, rather than the lieutenant governor or his designee, is a member. Provides that the governor, rather than the lieutenant governor, appoints five members nominated by specified universities. Provides for three additional members who are representatives of community organizations or foundations appointed by the governor.

Present law provides that the lieutenant governor shall appoint the chairman of the council and that the lieutenant governor shall provide staff and administrative support to the council. Proposed law provides that the governor shall fulfill such duties.

Present law requires council to issue its first annual report by Feb. 1, 2009, and by Jan. 1 each following year, to state the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the council. Proposed law changes the deadline for the first annual report to Feb. 1, 2019, and makes Jan. 15 the new deadline for stating council findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

(Amends R.S. 36:4(X), the title of Ch. 18 of Title 49 of La. R.S. of 1950, and R.S. 49:1211(E), 1212(A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (K) and 1213(B))