

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 711

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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.



