

SENATE BILL NO. 312

BY SENATOR FESI

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2503(A)(2), 2506(A) and (B)(1), (2), (7)(a), and (9), relative to the state Department of Education; to provide relative to the duties of the environmental and litter reduction section within the department; to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2503(A)(2), 2506(A) and (B)(1), (2), (7)(a), and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

A. * * *

(2) The commission shall consist of the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee, the state superintendent of education or his designee, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee, the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee, the chancellor of Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College or his designee, **the governor's executive assistant for costal activities or his designee**, and the following members appointed by the governor:

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§2506. Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation; funding

1 A. There is hereby created, within the state Department of Education, the
2 environmental education and litter reduction section which shall assist the
3 commission and perform responsibilities relative to education and litter ~~control~~
4 abatement as provided for in this Chapter. Insofar as funds are appropriated, staff
5 may be employed under the direction and control of the state superintendent of
6 education and in accordance with policies of the department.

7 B. The section shall implement the provisions of this Part relative to
8 environmental education, including the following:

9 (1) ~~Administer and implement~~ Receive advice and guidance on the
10 administration and implementation of environmental education programs ~~on~~
11 ~~behalf of~~ from the commission.

12 (2) ~~Review the status of and design~~ Design plans for K-12 environmental
13 education in the state regularly, ~~at the direction and~~ with the assistance of the
14 commission.

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16 (7) Function as an environmental education clearinghouse by doing the
17 following:

18 (a) Reviewing and recommending environmental education ~~materials~~
19 resources.

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21 (9) Initiate, develop, implement, assess, and market non-formal
22 environmental education programs; ~~facilitate, encourage, and support multi-school~~
23 ~~district cooperative efforts to determine the need for, develop, and assess~~
24 environmental education curricula; promote state government and private sector
25 policy that is consistent with the environmental education strategic plan; and
26 coordinate non-formal environmental education with elementary, secondary, and
27 postsecondary environmental education programs.

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29 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to
30 redesignate Chapter 20 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of

1 R.S. 30:2501 through 2521, as designated prior to the enactment of this Act, as Subpart B-1
2 of Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of
3 R.S. 17:200 through 220; and is further directed to redesignate any other section of law or
4 internal citations contained herein consistent with the provisions of this Act.

5 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
9 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____