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Establishes the One Call Agricultural Study Group to study the La. Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law as it relates to agriculture and the needs of the agricultural industry and make recommendations as to whether the law should be amended to make exemptions for the agricultural industry.

Provides that the study group shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) The chairman of the Dig Advisory Committee of Louisiana One Call or his designee.
- (2) Three representatives of the Dig Advisory Committee of Louisiana One Call, designated by the committee.
- (3) The president of the American Sugarcane League or his designee.
- (4) The executive director of the La. Forestry Association or his designee.
- (5) The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. or his designee.

Requires that the chairman of the Dig Advisory Committee be the chairman of the group.

Requires that the names of the members designated as provided herein be submitted to the chair of the study group by July 15, 2020, and the chair thereafter call the first meeting of the study group no later than August 15, 2020.

Provides that the commissioner of the office of conservation, Department of Natural Resources, shall be responsible for designating staff from the office of conservation to assist the study group in performing its duties.

Provides that not later than February 1, 2021, the study group submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce and requires that its recommendations include whether exemptions to the La. Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law should be made for the agricultural industry.

Provides that the study group shall terminate on February 1, 2021.