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2020 First Extraordinary Session

Barrow

Establishes a group to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing an optimal funding mechanism for the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

Provides that the study committee is to be comprised of the following:

- (1) The governor shall appoint six members, one member from his staff, and one from each appellate court district.
- (2) The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana shall appoint four members, one member shall be a juvenile justice advocate, one member shall be a retired judge with criminal law experience, and two members shall be at-large.
- (3) The president of the Senate shall appoint one member.
- (4) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, or his designee.
- (5) The chairman of the Louisiana State Law Institute's Children's Code Committee, or his designee.
- (6) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or his designee.

Provides that the president of the Senate appointee is to chair the study group and at its initial meeting, the study group shall elect other officers as it shall deem necessary. Further provides that the first meeting must take place no later than September 15, 2020, and the Louisiana Senate will provide staff support.

Specifies that the members of the study group serve without compensation, except for such per diem and reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled.

Provides that the study group is to meet as necessary and is to report its findings to the legislature not later than April 1, 2021.