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Recreates the La. Public Defender Optimal Funding Group to continue its study and to make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing an optimal funding mechanism for the La. Public Defender Board.

Provides that the group shall be constituted as follows:

(1) Six members appointed by the governor, including one member from his staff and one from each appellate court district.

(2) Four members appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, including one juvenile justice advocate, one retired judge with criminal law experience, and two members at-large.

(3) One member appointed by the Senate president.

(4) The president of the La. State Bar Association, or his designee.

(5) The chairman of the La. 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.

(8) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, or his designee.

(9) The state public defender.

Provides that the Senate president's appointee shall continue to chair the group and the La. Senate will provide staff support. Provides that the group may elect other officers as it shall deem necessary.

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

Provides that the group is to meet as necessary and is to report its findings to the Senate not later than March 1, 2022.