

DIGEST

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SB 214 Reengrossed

2023 Regular Session

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Present law provides that the Department of Economic Development (LED), shall be responsible for fostering the growth of industry and other commercial enterprises in this state that will contribute to the overall improvement of the economy of the state. LED shall promote the advantages of this state to out-of-state business and industry, facilitate the expansion of existing enterprises, and coordinate with other state agencies and units of local government plans and programs aimed at developing optimum conditions for new and expanding industrial and commercial enterprises in this state.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that LED shall foster the growth of ports and promote the advantages of port development.

Present law provides that LED shall be composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, the office of business development, and such other offices as shall be created by law.

Proposed law retains present law and creates the office of port development and provides for its functions.

Proposed law provides for a commissioner of the office, who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Proposed law creates the Port Development Advisory Commission within the office of port development.

Proposed law provides for the membership of the commission.

Proposed law provides that the commission shall meet and develop an operational plan for the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following:

- (1) An allocation of the department employees, equipment, facilities, and funding the commission finds necessary to carry out the functions conferred upon the office of port development to become effective on July 1, 2024.
- (2) The organizational structure of the office of port development.
- (3) Proposed legislation for the 2024 R.S. of the legislature necessary to implement the operational plan on July 1, 2024.

Proposed law provides the operational plan of the commission shall be presented to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce, meeting jointly, for their review, amendment, and approval no later than February 1, 2024.

Proposed law provides for a quorum, electing of a chairman, and that members shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement for certain members.

Proposed law provides that the department and Senate Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the commission and after July 1, 2024, the commission shall continue to exist in an advisory capacity to the commissioner

Provides that certain portions of proposed law will become effective on July 1, 2024.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36: 101 (B) and (C)(1), 104(A)(14), and 107; Adds R.S. 36:108(C) and (D) and 108.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Moves the Port Construction and Development Priority Program to the Dept. of Commerce.
2. Provides that the approved list of projects of the Port Construction and Development Priority Program shall be implemented with appropriated funds only.
3. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the reengrossed bill:

1. Delete proposed law that would have renamed the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Commerce. Remove transferring the office of multimodal commerce and the multimodal commerce advisory commission from the Department of Transportation and Development. Delete the creation of the office of economic development under LED and removes references to the executive director regarding that office.
2. Create the office of port development and its functions under LED with a commissioner of port development.
3. Create the Port Development Advisory Commission within the office of port development and provide for members and functions.
4. Provide for effectiveness.
5. Make technical changes.