

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATOR BROOME

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Revises youth membership and staffing for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (F)(6), relative to the Legislative Youth  
3 Advisory Council; to provide for membership and staffing of the council; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (F)(6) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
7 as follows:

8 §973.1. Legislative Youth Advisory Council; purpose, membership, duties,  
9 administration, report, student privacy

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11 B. Membership. (1) The council shall consist of ~~the following~~ **twenty-one**  
12 youth members **appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education as**  
13 **follows:**

14 (a)(i) ~~Members appointed to represent youth within a congressional district.~~  
15 ~~Fourteen youth members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic~~  
16 ~~Education, two~~ **Two youth members shall be** appointed from each congressional  
17 district and the remaining members from the state at large in a manner which reflects

1 the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable.

2 **(b) Youth members shall be selected** pursuant to an application process as  
3 provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. ~~Youth members~~ **and** shall possess the  
4 qualifications as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

5 ~~(ii)(c)~~ **(c)** The commission shall select members to the council ~~pursuant to this~~  
6 ~~Subparagraph~~ from among youths recommended by any **of the following:**

7 **(i) A** school administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home  
8 study program or a general education development skills program.

9 ~~(iii) In the event two qualified applicants cannot be found to represent a~~  
10 ~~particular congressional district, in lieu of directly filling any such vacancy, the~~  
11 ~~commission may select a qualified applicant from among youths nominated by a~~  
12 ~~school club or community organization, as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this~~  
13 ~~Paragraph, to serve as an at-large member in order to ensure full membership on the~~  
14 ~~council.~~

15 ~~(b)(i) Members nominated by certain school clubs and community~~  
16 ~~organizations. Up to seven youths may serve as members nominated by~~

17 **(ii) An adult representative of** a school-sponsored club or community  
18 organization which has a mission that supports the ideals of character, leadership,  
19 and service; encourages mutual respect and instills civic responsibility; builds  
20 courage and confidence among young people through community participation; or  
21 promotes the principles of representative democracy, in an effort to build stronger  
22 communities by increasing civic engagement among youth.

23 ~~(ii) If the number of clubs or organizations eligible for and making a request~~  
24 ~~to participate exceeds seven, the members shall be selected in the same manner and~~  
25 ~~pursuant to the application process, specified in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, as~~  
26 ~~provided for the selection of other members by the commission.~~

27 ~~(iii) Any club or organization that meets the qualifications of this~~  
28 ~~Subparagraph may submit one name to the commission, along with a letter of~~  
29 ~~recommendation from an adult representative of the club or organization from which~~

1           ~~the youth is nominated and a letter of recommendation from a school administrator,~~  
 2           ~~teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or general education~~  
 3           ~~development skills program.~~

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5                                   F. Council administration.

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7                                   (6) ~~The legislative **Legislative** staff of the Louisiana Commission on Civic~~  
 8           ~~Education~~ shall provide staff **staffing** assistance to the council.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

#### DIGEST

Broome (SB 43)

Present law establishes and provides for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC).

Present law provides that LYAC shall consist of the 14 youth members appointed by the La. Commission on Civic Education (commission), two appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large in a manner which reflects the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable pursuant to an application process provided in present law who shall possess the qualifications provided in present law.

- (1) Requires that the commission select LYAC members from among youths recommended by any school administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or a general education development skills program. Provides that if two qualified applicants cannot be found to represent a particular congressional district, in lieu of directly filling any such vacancy, the commission may select a qualified applicant from among youths nominated by a school club or community organization, as provided in present law, to serve as an at-large member in order to ensure full membership on the council.
- (2) Provides that up to seven youths may serve as members nominated by a school-sponsored club or community organization that has a mission that supports the ideals of character, leadership, and service; encourages mutual respect and instills civic responsibility; builds courage and confidence among young people through community participation; or promotes the principles of representative democracy, in an effort to build stronger communities by increasing civic engagement among youth. Provides that if the number of clubs or organizations eligible for and making a request to participate exceeds seven, the members shall be selected in the same manner and pursuant to the application process, specified in present law, as provided for the selection of other members by the commission.
- (3) Provides that any such club or organization may submit one name to the commission, along with a letter of recommendation from an adult representative of the club or organization from which the youth is nominated and a letter of recommendation from a school administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or general education development skills program.

Proposed law provides that LYAC shall consist of 21 youth members appointed by the La. Commission on Civic Education as follows: Two youth members shall be appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large in a manner which reflects the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable. Youth members shall be selected pursuant to an application process provided in present law and shall possess the qualifications provided in present law.

Proposed law provides that the commission shall select members to the council from among youths recommended by any of the following:

- (1) A school administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or a general education development skills program.
- (2) An adult representative of a school-sponsored club or community organization which has a mission that supports the ideals of character, leadership, and service; encourages mutual respect and instills civic responsibility; builds courage and confidence among young people through community participation; or promotes the principles of representative democracy, in an effort to build stronger communities by increasing civic engagement among youth.

Present law provides for staffing of the LYAC by the legislative staff of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.

Proposed law provides for LYAC staffing by legislative staff.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (F)(6))