

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

~~(a)(i) Members appointed to represent youth within a congressional district. Fourteen youth members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education, two~~ **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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21            ~~(iii) Any club or organization that meets the qualifications of this  
 22 Subparagraph may submit one name to the commission, along with a letter of  
 23 recommendation from an adult representative of the club or organization from which  
 24 the youth is nominated and a letter of recommendation from a school administrator,  
 25 teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or general education  
 26 development skills program.~~

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28            F. Council administration.

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30            (6) The legislative Legislative staff of the Louisiana Commission on Civic

1            Education shall provide ~~staff~~ **staffing** assistance to the council.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_