

1 best practices in education are implemented in detention centers, nonsecure and secure
2 facilities, and in times of transition in order for our youth to succeed in school and life.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 establish the Education in Alternative Settings Study Commission to meet and make
5 recommendations to the legislature on actions necessary to provide the best possible
6 education to youth in juvenile justice settings.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall consist of the following
8 members:

- 9 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.
- 10 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
11 House.
- 12 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
- 13 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
- 14 (5) The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,
15 youth services, office of juvenile justice, or his designee.
- 16 (6) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- 17 (7) The president of the Louisiana Juvenile Detention Association, or his
18 designee.
- 19 (8) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his
20 designee.
- 21 (9) One judge with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency proceedings
22 designated by the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- 23 (10) One expert in juvenile justice and best practices in serving incarcerated youth
24 designated by the executive director of the Louisiana Center for Children's
25 Rights.
- 26 (11) One expert in special education rights designated by the director of the
27 Louisiana office of the Southern Poverty Law Center.
- 28 (12) One expert in reentry and reintegration designated by the director of the
29 Institute for Public Health and Justice.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include an examination and
2 analysis of all aspects of education in juvenile justice settings in Louisiana, and the
3 commission shall assess existing policies and practices and formulate recommendations in
4 areas, including but not limited to:

- 5 (1) Instruction and curriculum.
- 6 (2) Special education services.
- 7 (3) School culture and youth engagement.
- 8 (4) Postsecondary and career preparation programming.
- 9 (5) Community placement and transition planning and implementation.
- 10 (6) Talent management.
- 11 (7) Correctional educational staff collaboration.
- 12 (8) Budget and funding mechanisms.
- 13 (9) Technology solutions.
- 14 (10) Collection and use of data in assessment and evaluation.
- 15 (11) Setting quality standards.
- 16 (12) Ensuring accountability and oversight.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall review and study best
18 practices in alternative education settings at the national, state, and local levels, including
19 detention centers and nonsecure and secure custody facilities, and all practices involving the
20 support of youth during the transition into and out of juvenile justice custody.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve
22 without compensation.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
24 constitute a quorum of the commission, and any official action by the commission shall
25 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall conduct public meetings
27 as it deems necessary to fully and effectively perform its duties and accomplish the
28 objectives and purposes of this Resolution, and may receive testimony and information
29 relative to any of the subjects of study enumerated in this Resolution.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may seek and engage such
2 counsel, research, assistance, and advice as may be obtained from any and all public and
3 private sources, including but not limited to private research agencies, consulting groups,
4 individuals, and organizations.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state superintendent of education or his
6 designee shall be responsible for designating staff to assist the commission in performing
7 its duties.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent permitted by law, every officer,
9 agency, board, commission, and department of the state, and every political subdivision and
10 local officer, shall:

11 (1) Provide aid, services, and assistance as may be requested by the commission.

12 (2) Make available all facts, records, information, and data requested by the
13 commission.

14 (3) Allow commission members and persons providing consulting or advisory
15 services to the commission reasonable access to juvenile justice facilities, as long as such
16 access does not interfere with the security and stability of the facilities.

17 (4) Cooperate with the commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission member designated by the
19 chairman of the House Committee on Education shall convene the first meeting of the
20 commission prior to August 1, 2015, at which meeting the commission shall elect a chair or
21 co-chairs by vote of a majority of the members present.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may issue such interim reports
23 as appropriate and shall submit a written report of its study findings and recommendations,
24 including suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the House Committee on Education
25 and the Senate Committee on Education no later than February 1, 2016.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall terminate on December
27 31, 2017.

DIGEST

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Establishes the Education in Alternative Settings Study Commission to study and make recommendations to the legislature on education in juvenile justice settings and during transitions between the community and juvenile justice settings. Provides for commission membership, compensation, and duties. Provides that the commission shall submit a written report of its findings to the House and Senate education committees by Feb. 1, 2016. Provides that the commission shall terminate on Dec. 31, 2017.