The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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

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Provides that the council is to examine and facilitate communication between youth and the legislature regarding issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, underage drinking, emotional and physical health, poverty, litter and environmental control, driver's licenses, and youth access to state and local services.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the council consists of 21 youth members appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education such that two youth members are 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. <u>Proposed law</u> changes this membership <u>from 21 to 31</u> members with three members from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

Provides that members be selected pursuant to an application process as provided in <u>present law</u> and possess the qualifications as provided in present law. Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the following persons shall serve as advisory, nonvoting members of the council:

- (1) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president.
- (2) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker.
- (3) The chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.
- (4) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (5) Up to seven persons, as may be designated by the commission, who have completed high school and are nineteen years of age or younger.
- (6) A representative of the Council of Student Body Presidents.

Proposed law provides for the following persons to serve as advisors to the council:

(1) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president.

- (2) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker.
- (3) The chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.
- (4) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.

<u>Present law</u> requires that an annual of the year's activities be submitted to the governor, the Senate and House committees on education, and the La. Commission on Civic Education by May 30. <u>Proposed law</u> changes reporting dates <u>from</u> May 30 to June 30. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a legislative chair and youth chair of the council. Provides that the legislative chair rotates annually between the advisory members from the Senate and the House of Representatives. Proposed law deletes the legislative chair and retains the youth chair.

<u>Present law</u> provides that council members serve without compensation; however, legislative advisory members receive mileage and per diem at the rate established by the legislature when attending meetings of the council. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that the legislators appointed as advisors shall receive such mileage and per diem when attending a council meeting. Otherwise retains <u>present</u> law.

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

(Amends R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(intro para), (1)(a) and (b), and (3), (E)(5), and (F)(1) and (2))