

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 164 (SB 68)

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Walsworth

Prior law established and provided for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Provided 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.

Prior law provided that the council consist 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. New law changes this membership from 21 to 31 members with three members from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large. Otherwise retains prior law.

Provides that members be selected pursuant to an application process as provided in prior law and possess the qualifications as provided in prior law. New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided 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.

New 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.

Prior law required 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. New law changes reporting dates from May 30 to June 30. Otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided 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. New law deletes the legislative chair and retains the youth chair.

Prior law provided 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. New law provides that the legislators appointed as advisors shall receive such mileage and per diem when attending a council meeting. Otherwise retains prior law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 19, 2016).

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