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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.6.2(E), relative to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to authorize the authority to assist in the formation of a coastal science consortium; to provide relative to the membership and governing council of the consortium; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:214.6.2(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§214.6.2. Functions and responsibilities; coastal activities

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E.(1) The office ~~may~~ shall utilize the science and technology capacity of Louisiana universities through assisting in the formation of a coastal science consortium to enhance integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities for the following purposes:

- (a) To identify any uncertainty relating to the physical, chemical, geological, biological, and cultural baseline conditions in the coastal area.
- (b) To improve the knowledge of the physical, chemical, ecological, biological, and cultural baseline conditions in the coastal area.
- (c) To identify and develop technologies, models, methods, and demonstrations to carry out the purposes of this Subsection.

1 (d) To advance and expedite the implementation of the master plan.

2 (2) The consortium shall be composed of public or private universities from
 3 within or without the state; federal, state, or local government and entities; private
 4 entities; research institutes; and shall be coordinated by a council composed of
 5 members as follows:

6 (a) The chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority or his
 7 designee, to be a nonvoting member.

8 (b) A representative of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
 9 Mechanical College appointed by the chancellor.

10 (c) A representative of Tulane University appointed by the president.

11 (d) A representative of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette appointed
 12 by the president.

13 (e) A representative of the University of New Orleans appointed by the
 14 chancellor.

15 (f) A representative of Nicholls State University appointed by the president.

16 (g) A representative of McNeese State University appointed by the president.

17 (h) Two representatives of the public and private colleges within the state of
 18 Louisiana, or from outside the state, to be appointed on a rotating basis in a manner
 19 established in the by-laws of the consortium.

20 (i) Seven members appointed in a manner established in the by-laws of the
 21 consortium.

22 (3) Terms of service on the council, methods of appointment for certain seats
 23 on the council, membership guidelines, election of officers, and other administrative
 24 functions of the council and the consortium shall be established in the by-laws of the
 25 consortium.

26 (4) In carrying out the provisions of this Subsection, the office may enter into
 27 contracts and cooperative agreements with Louisiana universities or ~~consortia~~ of

