

SENATE BILL NO. 169

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(i), (F), and (G) and to repeal Sections 3 and 4(B) of Act 180 of the 2020 Regular Session, relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to provide relative to the officers and duties of a task force of the commission; to provide relative to meetings and reports of the commission; to repeal the termination date of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(i), (F), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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E. The commission shall study and make recommendations relative to establishing a vision for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana. When conducting analysis and making recommendations relative to a vision and framework, the commission shall do all of the following:

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(8) Establish and appoint members to a task force to identify and recommend alternative state and local funding strategies for quality early childhood care and education **and strategies to address workforce compensation and benefits issues within the early childhood care and education field.** The commission shall

1 incorporate the task force's findings and recommendations into the report that the
2 commission produces pursuant to Subsection F of this Section.

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4 (b) * * *

5 (i) The two co-chairs of the commission, each of whom may designate
6 someone to serve in his place, **shall serve as the co-chairs of the task force.**

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8 F. Not later than ~~fourteen~~ **thirty** days prior to the beginning of ~~the 2021~~ **each**
9 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature, the commission shall produce a report of its~~
10 ~~findings and recommendations. Not later than fourteen days prior to the beginning~~
11 ~~of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature,~~ **regular session of the legislature,**
12 the commission shall ~~produce~~ **provide** a report ~~on~~ **of its findings and**
13 **recommendations and** the status of the implementation of its recommendations:
14 ~~The reports shall be provided to the governor,~~ **the** members of the legislature, the
15 state superintendent of education, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
16 Education ~~no less than fourteen days prior to the first day of the regular session.~~

17 G. The commission shall meet at least twice between ~~the 2020 and 2021~~
18 ~~Regular Sessions of the Legislature and shall meet at least twice between the 2021~~
19 ~~and 2022 Regular Sessions of the Legislature during which meetings~~ **consecutive**
20 **regular sessions of the legislature. At each meeting,** the state Department of
21 Education shall provide updates on how the commission's recommendations are
22 being implemented. The commission shall make any further recommendations it
23 deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established **pursuant to**
24 **Subsection E of this Section.**

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26 Section 2. Sections 3 and 4(B) of Act 180 of the 2020 Regular Session are hereby
27 repealed.

28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____