

SENATE BILL NO. 290

BY SENATORS MURRAY, ALLAIN, BROOME, BROWN, CHABERT, DORSEY-COLOMB, LAFLEUR, LONG, MORRELL, PETERSON, GARY SMITH AND TARVER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3451, 3453(B), (D) and (E), and 3456, to enact R.S.
3 17:3453.1, and to repeal R.S. 17:3453(F), relative to the Louisiana Universities
4 Marine Consortium for Research and Education; to provide relative to the purpose
5 of the consortium and the membership of the executive board; to establish and
6 provide for the membership and duties of an advisory council; to provide relative to
7 development of a master plan; to provide for annual reporting requirements; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3451, 3453(B), (D) and (E), and 3456 are hereby amended and
11 reenacted and R.S. 17:3453.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §3451. Purpose

13 The purpose of this Chapter is to create the Louisiana Universities Marine
14 Consortium for Research and Education **as a statewide entity** with the primary
15 function of conducting research and promoting education in the marine sciences and
16 marine technology, particularly where related to coastal resources and the impact of
17 energy related industries upon these coastal resources. Such functions shall be
18 performed ~~principally at~~ **by** the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium ~~Center~~
19 on the Louisiana gulf coast.

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21 §3453. Executive Board of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for
22 Research and Education; creation; membership; terms of office;
23 vacancies; compensation; organization; duties

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25 B.**(1)** The Executive Board of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
26 for Research and Education shall be composed ~~of the chancellor and one vice~~

1 ~~chancellor, chosen by the chancellor, of Louisiana State University and Agricultural~~
2 ~~and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge, the president and one vice president,~~
3 ~~chosen by the president, of Nicholls State University, and the president and one vice~~
4 ~~president, chosen by the president, of the University of Southwestern Louisiana as~~
5 follows:

6 (a) The vice chancellor of research for Louisiana State University and
7 Agricultural and Mechanical College, who shall serve as a voting member.

8 (b) A vice chancellor or dean, appointed by the chancellor of Louisiana
9 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, who shall serve as
10 a non-voting member.

11 (c) The vice president of research for Louisiana Tech University, who
12 shall serve as a voting member.

13 (d) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of Louisiana
14 Tech University, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

15 (e) A vice president, appointed by the president of Nicholls State
16 University, who shall serve as a voting member.

17 (f) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of Nicholls State
18 University, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

19 (g) The vice president of research for Tulane University, who shall serve
20 as a voting member.

21 (h) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of Tulane
22 University, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

23 (i) The vice president of research for the University of New Orleans, who
24 shall serve as a voting member.

25 (j) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of the University
26 of New Orleans, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

27 (k) The vice president of research for the University of Louisiana at
28 Lafayette, who shall serve as a voting member.

29 (l) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of the University
30 of Louisiana at Lafayette, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

1 (m) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of the
2 University of Louisiana at Monroe, who shall serve as a voting member.

3 (n) A vice president or dean, appointed by the president of the
4 University of Louisiana at Monroe, who shall serve as a non-voting
5 member.

6 (o) The chair of the board's Science and Education Advisory Council,
7 who shall serve as a voting member.

8 (p) A member of the staff of the Board of Regents, appointed by the
9 commissioner of higher education, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

10 (q) A representative from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
11 Education, appointed by the president of the board, who shall serve as a non-
12 voting member.

13 (2) Only voting members shall be counted for the purpose of constituting
14 a quorum for the transaction of official business.

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16 D. Each member of the executive board shall serve without compensation
17 except for reimbursement of all necessary travel expenses incurred in the
18 performance of official duties of the council **board**, such expenses to be paid in
19 conformity with regulations governing state officials.

20 E.~~(1)~~ The executive board shall be chaired, for a one-year term, by ~~one of the~~
21 ~~institutional chief executive officers. The remaining two chief executive officers~~
22 ~~shall be first vice chair and second vice chair respectively. At the end of each term~~
23 ~~the first vice chair shall become the chair, the second vice chair shall become the~~
24 ~~first vice chair, and the chair shall become the second vice chair~~ **either a vice**
25 **president or vice chancellor of research. No member may serve more than two**
26 **consecutive terms as board chair.**

27 ~~(2) The initial positions of the chief executive officers shall be chosen by~~
28 ~~random drawing.~~

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30 **§3453.1. Science and Education Advisory Council; creation; membership;**

Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1 duties

2 A. The Science and Education Advisory Council is hereby created to
 3 provide advice and information as requested by the executive board.

4 B. The Science and Education Advisory Council shall be composed of
 5 the following members:

6 (1) One representative from each four-year public college and
 7 university, each of whom shall be a faculty member appointed by the president
 8 or chancellor of each institution.

9 (2) One representative from each of the member institutions of the
 10 Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, each of whom
 11 shall be a faculty member appointed by the president or chancellor of each
 12 institution.

13 (3) One representative from the Louisiana Community and Technical
 14 College System, appointed by the president of such system.

15 C. The advisory council shall meet as necessary to respond to requests
 16 from the executive board as well as to provide the board with the benefit of
 17 perspectives represented on the council.

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19 §3456. Annual report; master plan

20 A.(1) The executive board, in consultation with the Science and
 21 Education Advisory Council, shall formulate a five-year master plan for the
 22 consortium's marine science and education programs and initiatives and shall
 23 make timely revisions to such plan as warranted and necessary.

24 (2) The initial master plan required by this Subsection shall be submitted
 25 to the Board of Regents not later than February 1, 2013.

26 B.(1) On or before December thirty-first of each year, the executive director
 27 shall submit an annual report of the activities of the consortium to the executive
 28 board together with any additional information the executive board may require.

29 (2) The chair of the executive board, the executive director of the board,
 30 and the chair of the Science and Education Advisory Council shall annually

1 make a joint report to the Board of Regents regarding the consortium's efficacy
2 in achieving its overall mission through implementation of the master plan.

3 Section 2. R.S. 17:3453(F) is hereby repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____