

SENATE BILL NO. 743

BY SENATOR BROOME

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (2), (D), and (E)(5), relative to the
3 Legislative Youth Advisory Council; to provide for membership and terms; to
4 provide for the selection of members nominated for membership by certain school
5 clubs and community organizations; to provide relative to the selection process; to
6 provide for submission of an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (2), (D), and (E)(5) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §973.1. Legislative Youth Advisory Council; purpose, membership, duties,
11 administration, report, student privacy

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13 B. Membership. (1) The council shall consist of the following youth
14 members:

15 (a)(i) Members appointed ~~by the commission~~ **to represent youth within a**
16 **congressional district**. Two youth members shall be appointed by the Louisiana
17 Commission on Civic Education from each congressional district in a manner which
18 reflects the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable **pursuant to an**
19 **application process as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection**. Youth
20 members shall possess the qualifications as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

21 (ii) The commission shall select members **to the council** pursuant to this
22 Subparagraph from among youths recommended by any school administrator,
23 teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or a general education
24 development skills program.

25 **(iii) In the event two qualified applicants cannot be found to represent**
26 **a particular congressional district, in lieu of directly filling any such vacancy,**
27 **the commission may select a qualified applicant from among youths nominated**

1 by a school club or community organization, as provided in Subparagraph (b)
 2 of this Paragraph, to serve as an at-large member in order to ensure full
 3 membership on the council.

4 (b)(i) Members nominated by certain school ~~or~~ **clubs and** community
 5 organizations. Up to seven youths may serve as members nominated by a ~~state level,~~
 6 school-sponsored **club** or community ~~service club or~~ organization which has a
 7 mission that supports the ideals of character, leadership, and service; encourages
 8 mutual respect and instills civic responsibility; builds courage and confidence among
 9 young people through community participation; or promotes the principles of
 10 representative democracy, in an effort to build stronger communities by increasing
 11 civic engagement among youth.

12 (ii) If the number of clubs or organizations eligible for and making a request
 13 to participate exceeds seven, the ~~initial~~ members shall be ~~determined by lot.~~
 14 ~~Following the initial appointments to the council, the membership shall rotate~~
 15 ~~annually among the eligible clubs or organizations~~ **selected in the same manner**
 16 **and pursuant to the application process, specified in Paragraph (2) of this**
 17 **Subsection, as provided for the selection of other members by the commission.**

18 (iii) Any ~~state level~~ club or organization that meets the qualifications of this
 19 Subparagraph may submit one name to the commission, **along with a letter of**
 20 **recommendation from an adult representative of the club or organization from**
 21 **which the youth is nominated and a letter of recommendation from a school**
 22 **administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home study program**
 23 **or general education development skills program.**

24 (2) The application form **and process** for membership on the council shall
 25 be developed **and approved** by the commission.

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27 D. Terms of office. ~~(1) Members appointed by the commission pursuant to~~
 28 ~~Subparagraph (B)(1)(a) of this Section shall serve a two-year term~~ **of one year** and
 29 may be reappointed for a subsequent term, provided that they are eligible at the time
 30 of reappointment. **However, no member of the council shall serve more than two**

1 consecutive terms.

2 ~~(2) A member representing an eligible club or organization pursuant to~~
3 ~~Subparagraph (B)(1)(b) of this Section shall serve a term of one year.~~

4 E. Duties. The council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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6 (5) To submit an annual report by ~~February fifteenth~~ **May thirtieth** of each
7 year of its activities, including any recommendations for proposed legislation, to the
8 governor, the Senate and House committees on education, and the commission.

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10 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective for the members appointed
11 to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council beginning with the 2010-2011 term.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____