

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(d), (E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(introductory paragraph), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(b)(ix), 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 require the commission report to the legislature; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(d), (E)(8)(introductory paragraph) and (b)(introductory paragraph), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(b)(ix) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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C.(1) The commission is composed of forty-one members as follows:

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(d) One representative of a ~~special-needs~~ disability advocacy organization, appointed by the governor.

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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

1 Louisiana. When conducting analysis and making recommendations relative to a
2 vision and framework, the commission shall do all of the following:

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4 (8) Establish and appoint members to a task force to identify and
5 recommend; alternative state and local funding strategies for quality early childhood
6 care and education, ~~and~~ strategies to address workforce compensation and benefits
7 issues within the early childhood care and education field, and a formula that could
8 be used on an annual basis to determine the funding necessary to sustain and grow
9 the early childhood care and education system and any necessary legal changes
10 needed to implement such a formula. The commission shall incorporate the task
11 force's findings and recommendations into the report that the commission produces
12 pursuant to Subsection F of this Section.

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14 (b) The task force shall have the following ~~nine~~ ten members:

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16 (ix) One person with significant experience in the generation and
17 administration of state government revenue.

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19 G. The commission shall meet at least ~~twice between consecutive regular~~
20 ~~sessions of the legislature~~ four times per year. At each meeting, the state
21 Department of Education shall provide updates on how the commission's
22 recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make any further
23 recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established
24 pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.

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26 Section 2. R.S. 17:407.101(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

27 §407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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1 F. Not later than ~~thirty days prior to the beginning of each regular session of~~
2 ~~the legislature~~ ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, the commission
3 shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the
4 implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the members of the
5 legislature, the state superintendent of education, and the State Board of Elementary
6 and Secondary Education.

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8 Section 3.(A) Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective on
9 August 1, 2023.

10 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2024.

DIGEST

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HB 338 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission.

Present law provides for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission to study and make recommendations relative to early childhood care and education.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the commission to establish and appoint members to a task force. Present law requires the task force to identify and recommend funding strategies and strategies to address workforce compensation and benefits. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law additionally requires the task force to identify and recommend a funding formula to financially sustain early childhood care and education.

Proposed law increases the task force membership from nine to ten members; requires appointment of a member with experience in generation and administration of state government revenue.

Present law requires the commission to provide a report to the governor, legislature, state superintendent of education, and the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Proposed law moves report submission deadline from 30 days prior to the beginning of each regular session of the legislature to 90 days following the end of each fiscal year.

Proposed law changing submission deadline for reports becomes effective June 30, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(d), (E)(8)(intro. para.) and (b)(intro. para.), (F), and (G); Adds R.S. 17:407.101(E)(8)(b)(ix))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law regarding deadline for the commission to submit its annual report from 60 days to 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.