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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Statewide K-12 Education
3 Commission; creating the Statewide K-12 Education
4 Commission within the Department of Education;
5 providing purposes; providing for terms, membership,
6 and meetings; providing that members are entitled to
7 reimbursement for travel expenses, subject to
8 appropriations provided in the General Appropriations
9 Act; providing duties; requiring that the commission
10 submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, and
11 State Board of Education by a specified date each
12 year; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. (1) The Statewide K-12 Education Commission is
17 created within the Department of Education for the purposes of
18 streamlining the various processes within and improving the
19 efficiency of the state's education system, as well as carrying
20 out the intent of Article IX of the State Constitution.

21 (2) (a) The Statewide K-12 Education Commission shall
22 consist of 21 members who shall be appointed to 4-year terms as
23 follows:

- 24 1. Four members appointed by the Governor;
25 2. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate;
26 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives; and
28 4. Nine members appointed by the State Board of Education.
29 (b) At least 11 members of the commission must consist of

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30 individuals currently employed by public school districts and
31 must be distributed proportionately between small, medium, and
32 large school districts. Members who are instructors in academic
33 and vocational areas must represent elementary schools, middle
34 schools, high schools, and institutions of higher education. The
35 remaining 10 members of the commission must consist of retired
36 educators, parents, employees of nonpublic schools and charter
37 schools, community advocates of educational programs,
38 administrators, and school board members.

39 (3) Members of the commission shall elect a chair and vice
40 chair at the first meeting. The commission shall meet at least
41 four times per year. Subject to appropriations provided in the
42 General Appropriations Act, members of the commission are
43 entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s.
44 112.061, Florida Statutes.

45 (4) The commission shall review all aspects of the delivery
46 of education in the state, including, but not limited to,
47 administration, assessment, budget, community support, parental
48 involvement, curriculum, English for speakers of other
49 languages, exceptional student education, facilities,
50 noninstructional personnel, scheduling, student education and
51 involvement, and teacher or instructional support.

52 (5) Beginning June 1, 2013, and each year thereafter, the
53 commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the President
54 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
55 the State Board of Education which includes recommendations for
56 improvement based on the commission's review of the state
57 education system.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.