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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 to  
5 streamline and improve the state's education system;  
6 providing commission membership and duties; requiring  
7 the commission to submit an annual report to the  
8 Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of  
9 Education; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. (1) The Statewide K-12 Education Commission is  
14 created within the Department of Education for the purpose of  
15 streamlining the various processes within, and improving the  
16 efficiency of, the state's education system in carrying out the  
17 intent of Article IX of the State Constitution.

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

21 1. Four members appointed by the Governor.

22 2. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.

23 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives.

25 4. Nine members appointed by the State Board of Education.

26 (b) At least 11 members of the commission shall be  
27 individuals currently employed by the school districts,  
28 including administrators, distributed proportionately among

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29 small, medium, and large school districts. Members who are  
30 instructors in academic and vocational areas shall represent  
31 elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and  
32 postsecondary education institutions. The remaining 10 members  
33 of the commission shall include retired educators, parents,  
34 employees of nonpublic schools and charter schools, community  
35 advocates of educational programs, and district school board  
36 members.

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

43 (4) The commission shall review all aspects of the  
44 delivery of education in the state, including, but not limited  
45 to, administration, assessment, budget, community support,  
46 parental involvement, curriculum, English for speakers of other  
47 languages, exceptional student education, facilities,  
48 noninstructional personnel, scheduling, student education and  
49 involvement, and teacher or instructional support. During the  
50 first year, the commission shall focus on educator performance  
51 and evaluation, assessment and alternative measures for  
52 evaluating student performance, curriculum, and student safety  
53 and welfare, including the prevention of bullying and the  
54 strengthening of student mental health.

55 (5) Beginning June 1, 2014, and each year thereafter, the  
56 commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the President

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57 | of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
58 | the State Board of Education that includes recommendations for  
59 | streamlining and improving the state's education system.

60 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.