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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.

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 a public school district, and
31 these memberships must reflect the proportional distribution of
32 small, medium, and large school districts. Members who are
33 instructors in academic and vocational areas must represent
34 elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and
35 institutions of higher education. The remaining 10 members of
36 the commission must consist of retired educators, parents,
37 employees of nonpublic schools and charter schools, community
38 advocates of educational programs, administrators, and school
39 board members.

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

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

53 (5) Beginning June 1, 2014, and each year thereafter, the
54 commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the President
55 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
56 the State Board of Education which includes recommendations for
57 improvement based on the commission's review of the state's
58 education system.

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