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LD 503 An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 140 makes the following changes to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission.

1. It increases the total membership from 18 to 19 members.
2. It replaces the member who is a public school administrator who has experience with school-based substance use intervention, prevention and education programs with a member who is a representative from the field of education who has experience with school-based substance use intervention, prevention and education programs.
3. It removes the member who is an elementary school educator.
4. It adds a member who is a substance use disorder harm reduction practitioner.
5. It increases the number of members of the public on the commission from three to four members and includes among the individuals from whom the Governor may select, in making appointments of members of the public, individuals who are actively involved in the representation of federally recognized Indian tribes, nations or bands.
6. It adds language requiring the commission to adopt bylaws.
7. It reduces the number of required meetings from 12 to six per year and requires meetings at least every other month rather than monthly.
8. It clarifies that the commission is required to keep minutes of all full commission meetings, and it replaces language requiring that approved minutes must be sent to the Legislature and Governor with language requiring that minutes be posted on a publicly accessible website.
9. It adds to the duties of the commission advising, consulting and assisting the Governor, the executive and legislative branches and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in matters related to substance use disorder intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery.
10. It adds harm reduction to the topics for which the commission serves as an advocate and resource for the State.
11. It provides that the commission is required to make recommendations relating to substance use disorder to the Legislature.