

Report Highlights

Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities Annual Report to the Legislature as of June 30, 2021

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Why We Conducted This Work

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the Legislative Auditor to submit annually to the Legislature a report on boards, commissions, and like entities (Boards) and to report findings and recommendations resulting from our analysis of the information.

What We Found

We identified 482 Boards as of June 30, 2021, contained on the website required to be established and maintained by the Commissioner of Administration which can be accessed at <u>https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/boardsandcommissions/selectBoard.cfm</u>.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, 12 Boards were added and five Boards were removed, resulting a net increase of seven Boards from the previous year.

We identified four Boards that did not respond to our request for personnel data and financial information. The Division of Administration sent notices of noncompliance to the respective legislative committees as required by R.S. 49:1301. Three of the four Boards also failed to respond to our request in the prior year.

We identified 12 inactive Boards that were not fulfilling their established functions, 10 of which were also identified as inactive in the prior year.

We identified 36 Boards that reported their status as active, but have not reported any meeting notices or minutes subsequent to December 31, 2017. Also, five of these Boards have no board members identified on the website.

For fiscal year 2021, Boards budgeted approximately \$1.3 million for Board member per diems, \$2.5 million for Board member salaries, and \$1.9 million for Board member travel expenses. Boards have until May 1, 2022, to submit actual expenses from fiscal year 2021 along with their fiscal year 2022 budgets.