

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 187

2021 Regular Session

Bagley

HEALTH/HOME CARE: Amends laws relative to home health care

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Repeals proposed law that requires meeting the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary.
2. Adds requirement that the Louisiana Department of Health submit a report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the implementation of the Act.
3. Also adds proposed law which requires the administrator of each agency to comply with the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary.
4. Repeals present law requirements for the agency's administrators regarding managerial experience, supervision of employees, and budget experience.
5. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that a home health agency shall provide home health care to the public under the order of a physician.

Proposed law deletes present law and states that a home health agency shall provide home health care to the public under the order of an authorized healthcare provider.

Proposed law defines "authorized healthcare provider".

Present law provides that home health agencies shall admit patients for skilled care only on the order of a physician.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies who may submit an order to admit patients for skilled care from a physician to an authorized healthcare provider.

Present law provides that an administrator of a home health agency shall have three years management experience in healthcare delivery service and meets one of the following conditions:

- (1) Is a college graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- (2) Has had three additional years of documented experience in a health care delivery service.
- (3) Has an associate degree.
- (4) Has had six additional years of documented administrative and managerial experience in a governmental or corporate setting other than in a health care delivery service, having supervised at least 20 employees, and handled administration of the daily operations of the organization, including the budget process. Such person shall have held no more than three positions in said six-year time period.

Proposed law deletes present law and adds that an administrator of a home health agency shall have three years management experience in health care delivery service and meet the following conditions:

- (1) Is employed as an administrator on or after Jan. 13, 2018, and is a college graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- (2) Is employed as an administrator prior to Jan. 13, 2018, and has had three additional years of documented experience in a healthcare delivery service.
- (3) Is an administrator who has experience in health service administration with at least one year of supervisory or administrative experience related to home health care or home healthcare programs.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the implementation of the Act.

Proposed law requires the administrator of each agency to comply with the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2116.31(B) and 2116.34(A)(1), (7), and (10)(c) through (e); Adds R.S. 2116.34(A)(12); Repeals R.S. 2116.34(A)(10)(f))