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HOUSE BILL NO. 446

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JEFFERSON, JENKINS, KERNER, LACOMBE, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE,
MOORE, PIERRE, AND ST. BLANC AND SENATORS FOIL, HEWITT, PRICE,
REESE, TARVER, AND WOMACK

1   AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(o) and Chapter 44-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

3   of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:2591 through 2599, relative to state

4   administration; to create the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act

5   coordinator within the division of administration; to create a state ADA coordinator

6   position and provide that the coordinator is the executive staff member of the office;

7   to establish the functions, powers, and duties of the office; and to provide for related

8   matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10   Section 1. R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(o) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11   §4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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13   B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state

14 government.

15   (1)   The following agencies and their powers, duties, functions, and

16 responsibilities are hereby transferred to the office of the governor:

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18   (o) Office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, division

19 of administration (R.S. 46:2591 et seq.).

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21   Section 2. Chapter 44-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,

22 comprised of R.S. 46:2591 through 2599, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1   CHAPTER 44-A. OFFICE OF THE STATE

2   AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

3   §2591. Creation; personnel

4   The office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator is hereby

5   created as a state agency within the office of the governor, division of administration.

6   The office shall exercise the powers and duties set forth in this Chapter and

7   otherwise provided by law. The office shall be administered by an executive director

8   who shall have the title of, and is referred to hereafter in this Chapter as, state ADA

9   coordinator. The state ADA coordinator shall be in the classified state civil service

10   and shall employ staff as necessary to carry out the duties of the office.

11   §2592. Definitions

12   For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed

13   to them in this Section:

14   (1) "Americans with Disabilities Act" and "ADA" mean the Americans with

15   Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

16   (2) "Office" means the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act

17   coordinator within the office of the governor, division of administration.

18   §2593. Powers and duties

19   The office shall have the following functions, powers, and duties:

20   (1) To serve as the coordinating body for ADA compliance for all state

21   agencies within the executive branch of state government.

22   (2) To assist state agencies in updating, strengthening, and enhancing the

23   scope of self-evaluation and transition plans to ensure compliance with the ADA

24   mandate.

25   (3) To provide reports and recommendations to the legislature for the

26   adoption of legislation to facilitate compliance with the ADA.

27   (4) To offer subject matter expertise for all matters relating to the ADA.

28   (5) To conduct general and customized training on ADA topics for state

29   agencies.

1   (6) To provide informal technical assistance about the ADA to the general

2 public and collaborate with local ADA support systems.

3   (7) To increase public awareness of the ADA for the purpose of helping

4 more citizens to understand the letter and the spirit of the law.

5   §§2594 through 2599. [Reserved.]

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                SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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                PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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                GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____