

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 282

2022 Regular Session

Jackson

June 2, 2022

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 282 by Senator Jackson, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That House Floor Amendment Nos. 1 through 8, designated HFASB282 4145 4103, proposed by Representative Johnson and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 11, 2022, be adopted.
2. That House Floor Amendment No. 1, designated HFASB282 4145 4177, proposed by Representative Johnson and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 11, 2022, be adopted.
3. That the following amendment to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

**"(m) The state network director for Unite Louisiana or his designee.
(n)The executive director of 232-Help/Louisiana 211 or his designee."**

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Katrina R. Jackson

Representative Travis Johnson

Senator Jay Luneau

Representative Neil Riser

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka Butler.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

SOCIAL SERVICES. Establishes a workforce training initiative to serve public assistance recipients. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Require state partners to collaborate with the advisory board to design and implement the initiative's operations and system of services upon demonstration of the initiative's successful performance.
2. Authorize expansion of the initiative after an evaluation utilizing performance outcome driven data and information regarding participant experience.
3. Authorize the initiative to provide vocational education, basic education, educational certificates, and supportive services.
4. Require state partners to inform prospective participants about the use of the 2-1-1 referral system.
5. Add state representatives for House Districts 16, 17, 21, 26, and 40 to the advisory board.
6. Add items that may be provided by the workforce initiative.
7. Make technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add the state network director for Unite Louisiana and the executive director of 232-Help/Louisiana 211 or their designees to the advisory board.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health, the state superintendent of education, and the president of the La. Community and Technical College System, referred to collectively as the "state partners", collaborate to design and implement a workforce training and education initiative for public assistance recipients. Present law further provides that the initiative's purposes are to improve employment opportunities for and promote workforce advancement.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for an advisory board to assist the state partners and provides for the advisory board membership and meetings.

Present law requires the state partners to design the initiative's operations and system of services to facilitate replication of the program in all regions of the state.

Proposed law retains present law and requires, prior to the design and implementation of the initiative, the advisory board to conduct meetings for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the program.

Present law provides for the pilot initiative to operate and serve participants in certain regions. Proposed law changes the initial areas served to the following parishes: Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, St. Landry, and Tensas.

Present law provides that, if agreed to by the head of each state partner, the partners may expand the geographic service area of the pilot initiative beyond the initial regions.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement for agreement by each state partner.

Present law provides for the duties of the state partners in implementing and administering the initiative.

Proposed law retains present law but makes technical changes.

Present law provides for the state partners to submit annual reports providing a summary and evaluation of the initiative's outcomes to the legislative committees on labor and industrial relations and to the legislative committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the annual report also to be provided to the advisory board.

Proposed law authorizes the initiative to provide vocational education, basic education, educational certificates, and supportive services.

Proposed law makes technical changes by changing "regions" to "parishes".

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

(Amends R.S. 46:351-356)