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## DIGEST

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HB 559 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the duties of human services districts and boards (boards).

Present law provides that the executive director of a board is hired by the board.

Proposed law provides that the executive director is hired by the board and confirmed by the secretary of La. Dept. of Health (LDH) and the surgeon general.

Proposed law directs the boards to complete all of the following:

- (1) Adopt consistent performance indicators.
- (2) Evaluate insurance and Medicaid billing practices.
- (3) Focus on primary care integration.
- (4) Conduct annual patient satisfaction surveys.
- (5) Reduce reliance on state funding.
- (6) Prepare an annual report that summarizes the board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals established by LDH.
- (7) Hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected individuals and their staffs.

Proposed law provides that the annual report required by proposed law shall include all of the following:

- (1) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.
- (2) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide health goals.
- (3) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.
- (4) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

Proposed law LDH shall establish criteria for the boards to evaluate their performance.

Proposed law tasks LDH with compiling reports required by proposed law and providing a report to the legislature on Feb. first of each year.

Present law provides that the secretary of LDH, upon consultation with the boards, shall be responsible for oversight of statewide human services systems.

Proposed law provides that the secretary shall be responsible for oversight of statewide human services systems.

(Amends R.S. 28:914(D)(1) and 918(A); Adds R.S. 28:914(E))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add to the duties of human services districts and authorities.
2. Provide for the hiring of executive directors of human services districts and boards.
3. Modify oversight by the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.
4. Make technical changes.