

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 559

2025 Regular Session

Echols

HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to human services districts and boards.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the human service districts and authorities.

Proposed law adds a requirement for each district or authority to hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected officials in the jurisdiction of the district or authority.

Present law creates the Human Services Interagency Council and provides for the purpose and duties of the council.

Proposed law directs the council 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.

Present law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to submit a single comprehensive annual report on the operations of the districts and authorities to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

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

- (1) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.
- (2) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.
- (3) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

(Amends R.S. 28:917(B) and (D)(1); adds R.S. 28:915(B)(11))

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Remove confirmation requirement for executive directors of human services districts or authorities.

2. Move certain requirements from being duties of the boards to being duties of the Human Services Interagency Council.
3. Remove certain meeting and reporting requirements for the board.
4. Make technical changes.