
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Resolution No. 298 by Representative Amedee

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1**2** On page 1, line 3, after "LDH's" add "advisory, policy guidance, training, and similar non-
3 procurement"**4** AMENDMENT NO. 2**5** On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:**6** "WHEREAS, various nongovernmental organizations, including foundations,
7 nonprofits, and professional associations, exercise influence over state agencies not through
8 ordinary procurement contracts or appropriated payments for services rendered, but through
9 the provision of model policies, position statements, training, professional development,
10 technical assistance, and similar advisory services; and**11** WHEREAS, such advisory and policy-shaping relationships, while often
12 unaccompanied by significant direct expenditure, can shape departmental policy, internal
13 operations, and governance in ways that may not be captured by routine financial audits or
14 procurement oversight; and"**15** AMENDMENT NO. 3**16** On page 1, line 19, after "maintain" and before "relationships" insert "such advisory"**17** AMENDMENT NO. 4**18** On page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:**19** "WHEREAS, LDH does not currently maintain a centralized inventory of these
20 advisory, policy guidance, and training relationships, making it difficult for the legislature
21 to assess their scope, cost, or influence on departmental operations; and"**22** AMENDMENT NO. 5**23** On page 2, line 8, after "study" and before "would" insert "of such relationships"**24** AMENDMENT NO. 6**25** On page 2, line 12, after "expenditures" and before "is" insert "and relationships"**26** AMENDMENT NO. 7**27** On page 2, delete lines 23 through 28 and insert the following:**28** "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this Resolution, the following
29 definitions apply:**30** (1)(a) "Covered entity" means a nongovernmental organization, foundation,
31 nonprofit, or professional association that is organized under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4),
32 or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or is a foundation or professional association of
33 comparable nonprofit status and provides to LDH, to any LDH division or office, or to LDH
34 personnel acting in their official capacity, one or more of the following:

1 (i) Policy guidance, model policies, model legislation, resolutions, position
2 statements, or similar advisory documents that LDH or its personnel consider, adopt,
3 reference, or rely upon in shaping departmental policy or operations.

4 (ii) Training, professional development, certification, or accreditation services for
5 LDH personnel.

6 (iii) Technical assistance or consulting services concerning departmental operations,
7 governance, program design, or policy implementation.

8 (iv) Membership in an association or coalition that issues any of the foregoing on
9 behalf of, or for the benefit of, its member agencies.

10 (b) "Covered entity" does not include any of the following:

11 (i) An entity solely by virtue of its status as a Medicaid provider, regardless of
12 whether the legislature appropriates funds for the purpose of paying Medicaid providers.

13 (ii) An entity solely by virtue of its receipt of a line-item appropriation within LDH's
14 budget.

15 (iii) A vendor under a procurement contract subject to the Louisiana Procurement
16 Code or other applicable procurement statutes, where the relationship consists solely of the
17 procurement of goods or services pursuant to such contract;

18 (iv) An entity whose interactions with LDH consist solely of participation directed
19 or required by an act, resolution, or other formal action of the legislature, including but not
20 limited to participation in legislatively established task forces, advisory councils, or working
21 groups.

22 (v) A federal, state, or local governmental entity.

23 (2) "Relationship" means any ongoing or recurring interaction between LDH and a
24 covered entity involving the provision of any of the services listed in items (1)(a)(i) through
25 (iv), whether or not such interaction is governed by a written agreement and whether or not
26 it involves the transfer of funds. The term includes, but is not limited to, LDH membership
27 in the covered entity, attendance by LDH personnel at the covered entity's conferences or
28 trainings on behalf of LDH, LDH's adoption or use of model policies or guidance issued by
29 the covered entity, and the covered entity's provision of technical assistance to LDH."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 8

31 On page 3, line 4, delete "relationship." and insert in lieu thereof "relationship, including a
32 description of the advisory, policy guidance, training, or technical assistance services
33 provided."

34 AMENDMENT NO. 9

35 On page 3, line 11, delete "association-related" and insert in lieu thereof "covered-entity-
36 related"

37 AMENDMENT NO. 10

38 On page 3, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

39 "(4) A description of any model policies, guidance documents, position statements,
40 training materials, or similar advisory products issued by any covered entity that LDH or its
41 personnel have adopted, referenced, or used during the reporting period in shaping
42 departmental policy, operations, or internal governance."