

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 490

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND HOFFMANN AND SENATOR MILLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Creates the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:219.5, relative to the Drug Policy Board's Advisory Council on Heroin and
3 Opioid Prevention and Education; to establish the Advisory Council on Heroin and
4 Opioid Prevention and Education within the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the
5 membership, powers, and duties of the council; to require an Interagency Heroin and
6 Opioid Coordination Plan; to provide for the content of the plan; to require staffing
7 support for the council; to provide for meetings and official actions of the council;
8 and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 49:219.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §219.5. Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education

12 A. The Drug Policy Board shall establish an Advisory Council on Heroin
13 and Opioid Prevention and Education to coordinate resources and expertise to assist
14 in a statewide response.

15 B. The council shall consist of the following members:

- 16 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- 17 (2) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his
18 designee.
- 19 (3) The state superintendent of education or designee.

1 (4) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his
2 designee.

3 (5) The superintendent of state police or his designee.

4 (6) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

5 (7) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs or his designee.

6 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his
7 designee.

8 (9) The president of the Senate or his designee.

9 (10) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

10 (11) The attorney general or his designee.

11 (12) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.

12 (13) A judge from a district drug court appointed by the chief justice of the
13 Louisiana Supreme Court.

14 C. The council shall include nonvoting ex officio members who may advise
15 and contribute to discussions pertaining to heroin and opioid prevention and
16 education, including but not limited to all the following:

17 (1) The executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy or his
18 designee.

19 (2) The executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical
20 Examiners or his designee.

21 (3) The president of the Louisiana State Coroners Association or his
22 designee.

23 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his
24 designee.

25 (5) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association
26 or his designee.

27 (6) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

28 D.(1) The council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the board and
29 establish an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.

1 (2) The plan shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

2 (a) Parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal
3 medication.

4 (b) Progress of current initiatives in the state relating to the heroin and opioid
5 epidemic.

6 (c) Specific impacts to agencies in addressing education, treatment,
7 prevention, overdose, and recovery.

8 E. The Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan shall be submitted
9 annually to the board, governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House, and
10 chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court at the end of each calendar year.

11 F. The council shall coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and
12 usage of overdose-reversal medication as current and accurate statewide data is
13 critical in educating both those involved in policy development and the citizens of
14 this state.

15 G. The council shall also coordinate a central online location to disseminate
16 information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid
17 Coordination Plan.

18 H. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee,
19 shall serve as chairman of the council. The council may also elect a vice chairman
20 and other officers as they may deem appropriate.

21 I. A majority of the voting membership of the council shall constitute a
22 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the council shall
23 require the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members present.

24 J. Council members shall not receive compensation or a per diem for their
25 services or attendance at council meetings, except for those travel-related expenses
26 already provided for by their agency.

27 K. The council shall be domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish.

28 L. The departments participating on the council shall assist as needed in
29 providing staff support for the council, including but not limited to the scheduling

1 of meetings, providing public notice of scheduled meetings, and posting information
2 about the council and its meeting minutes online.

3 M. The council shall meet at least once every quarter, with meetings to be
4 called by the chair.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education within the Drug Policy Board.

Proposed law requires the Drug Policy Board to establish an Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education to coordinate resources and expertise to assist in a statewide response.

Proposed law provides that the council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (3) The state superintendent of education or designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
- (5) The superintendent of state police or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (9) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (10) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (11) The attorney general or his designee.
- (12) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.
- (13) A judge from a district drug court appointed by the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court.

Proposed law provides that the council shall also include nonvoting ex officio members who may advise and contribute to discussions pertaining to heroin and opioid prevention and education, including but not limited to all the following:

- (1) The executive director of the La. Board of Pharmacy or his designee.

- (2) The executive director of the La. State Board of Medical Examiners or his designee.
- (3) The president of the La. State Coroners Association or his designee.
- (4) The executive director of the La. Sheriffs' Association or his designee.
- (5) The executive director of the La. District Attorneys Association or his designee.
- (6) The president of the La. State Medical Society or his designee.

Proposed law requires the council to serve in an advisory capacity to the board and establish an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan, which shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

- (1) Parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication.
- (2) Progress of current initiatives in the state relating to the heroin and opioid epidemic.
- (3) Specific impacts to agencies in addressing education, treatment, prevention, overdose, and recovery.

Proposed law requires the council to coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication as current and accurate statewide data is critical in educating both those involved in policy development and the citizens of this state.

Proposed law requires the council to also coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.

Proposed law provides for the officers, quorum and voting requirements, compensation, domicile, staffing, and meeting requirements of the council.

(Adds R.S. 49:219.5)