

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 490

2017 Regular Session

Leger

June 6, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 490 by Representative Leger, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare and adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2017, be rejected.
2. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare and adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2017, be adopted.
3. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Mills and adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2017, be adopted.
4. That the following amendment to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In the Senate Floor Amendment by Senator Mills (#2226), on page 1, at the end of line 4, insert "(19) The Louisiana State Coroners Association."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Walt Leger III

Senator Fred Mills

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann

Senator Jay Luneau

Representative Helena N. Moreno

Senator Ryan Gatti

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and onliner of the instrument as it left the House

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

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Remove all ex officio nonvoting members from the council and authorize the council to solicit input, recommendations, and guidance pertaining to heroin and opioid prevention and education from interested parties and stakeholders.
2. Add the La. Association of Health Plans to the list of interested parties and stakeholders.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed the superintendent of state police from the council and add the president of the La. State Coroners Association as a member.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add the La. State Coroners Association to the list of interested parties and stakeholders.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law requires the Drug Policy Board (board) to establish an Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (council) 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 his 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 drug division of a district court appointed by the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court.

Proposed law authorizes the council to engage and solicit, as necessary, input, recommendations, and guidance pertaining to heroin and opioid prevention and education from interested parties and stakeholders, including but not limited to all of the following:

- (1) The La. Board of Pharmacy.
- (2) The La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
- (3) The La. Sheriffs' Association.
- (4) The La. District Attorneys Association.
- (5) The La. State Medical Society.
- (6) The Chiropractic Association of La.
- (7) The La. Physical Therapy Association.
- (8) The La. Association of Chiefs of Police.
- (9) The La. Independent Pharmacies Association.
- (10) The La. State Nurses Association.
- (11) The La. Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- (12) The La. Ambulance Alliance.
- (13) The La. State Board of Nursing.
- (14) The La. Psychiatric Medical Association.
- (15) The La. Poison Control Center.
- (16) The La.-Ms. Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
- (17) The Optometry Association of La.
- (18) The La. Association of Health Plans.
- (19) The La. State Coroners Association.

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 the dispensing 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 including the use of medication-assisted 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)