

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 54

BY SENATOR MILLS

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

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to the Louisiana Health Works Commission. (8/1/19)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(16), (G)(3), and (L), relative to the Louisiana  
3 Health Works Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to  
4 provide for membership of the executive committee; to provide for study and  
5 recommendation issues; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(16), (G)(3), and (L) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2048.51. Louisiana Health Works Commission; creation; membership;  
10 compensation; staff and facilities; powers and duties; data collection  
11 and reporting

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13 C. The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works  
14 Commission:

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16 (16) ~~The presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on the Future of~~  
17 ~~Family Medicine~~ **president of the University of Louisiana System** or his designee.

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G. There shall be an executive committee composed of the following:

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(3) The ~~presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on the Future of Family Medicine~~ **president of the University of Louisiana System** or his designee for the commission.

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L. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following education issues:

- (1) Increasing the capacity of ~~existing~~ **current** education programs to maintain or increase the supply of health care professionals in Louisiana.
- (2) Incentive programs for **healthcare program** faculty retention.
- (3) Strategies to increase access of **eligible** individuals to appropriate entry-level educational programs.
- (4) Recruitment and retention models for students in the health care field.
- (5) Strategies to implement a nursing articulation plan.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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DIGEST

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Present law creates the Louisiana Health Works Commission and provides for 18 members. Proposed law replaces the presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on the Future of Family Medicine or his designee with the president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee as a commission member.

Present law provides for an executive committee of the commission composed of seven members. Proposed law replaces the presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on the Future of Family Medicine or his designee with the president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee as a member of the executive committee of the commission.

Present law provides for education issues for the commission to study and make recommendations to the legislature. Proposed law retains present law and adds strategies to implement a nursing articulation plan to the list of issues to be studied.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(16), (G)(3), and (L))