

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 282****2022 Regular Session****Jackson****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

SOCIAL SERVICES. Establishes a workforce training initiative to serve public assistance recipients. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds state representatives from House Districts 16, 17, 21, 26, and 40 to the advisory board.
2. Add provisions that state partners design initiative operations and services upon review of the program with an evaluation demonstrating successful performance.
3. Adds provisions for evaluating programs utilizing performance outcome driven data and information regarding participant experience.
4. Adds provisions that work supports and education services may include vocational education; basic education; educational certificates; and support services.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**DIGEST**

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Present law provides that the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health, the state superintendent of education, and the president of the La. Community and Technical College System, referred to collectively as the "state partners", collaborate to design and implement a workforce training and education initiative for public assistance recipients. Provides that the initiative's purposes are to improve employment opportunities for and promote workforce advancement.

Proposed law defines public assistance but excludes cash benefits of the Kinship Care Subsidy Program administered by the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Proposed law provides for an advisory board to assist the state partners. Provides for the membership of the advisory board which includes the state senator from Senate District 34, who serves as the chair of the advisory board, and the state representatives from House Districts 16, 17, 21, 26, and 40.

Proposed law provides that the advisory board serve without compensation except per diem or expense reimbursement in which they are individually entitled. Provides for staff support from the state partners.

Proposed law authorizes the state partners in collaboration with the advisory board to design the initiative's operations and system of services to allow implementation in all parishes upon review of the program with an evaluation demonstrating successful performance.

Proposed law authorizes the board to work with local human services districts and authorities for assistance with the design and implementation of the initiative and that the program initially operate in the following parishes: Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse,

Ouachita, Richland, St. Landry, and Tensas. Authorizes expansion of the service area beyond parishes after an evaluation utilizing performance outcome driven data and information regarding participant experience.

Proposed law provides that work supports and education services may include certain enumerated items including vocational education; basic education; educational certificates; and support services.

Authorizes use of the 2-1-1 referral system to obtain participant's consent to participate in the initiative.

Present law provides for the state partners to submit annual reports providing a summary and evaluation of the initiative's outcomes to the legislative committees on labor and industrial relations and to the legislative committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the annual report be provided to the advisory board.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:351-356)

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