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## DIGEST

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HB 587 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Louisiana Community Health Worker Workforce Board.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Community Health Worker Workforce Board (the board) and places the board created in proposed law within the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law requires certain persons to act as members of the board.

Proposed law provides that the board shall do all of the following duties:

- (1) Develop a program to enhance employer readiness in hiring community health workers.
- (2) Develop core skills, roles, and competencies for community health workers in Louisiana.
- (3) Develop standards and requirements for community health worker education and training programs.
- (4) Develop minimum standards for community health worker educators.
- (5) Review community health worker training programs.
- (6) Recommend sustainable methods of financing community health worker services.
- (7) Track community health worker employment in Louisiana.

Proposed law gives the board rulemaking authority.

Proposed law requires the board to meet quarterly. Proposed law further provides that such meetings may occur in person or virtually.

Proposed law provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with present law to implement the provisions required by proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 36:259(B)(19) and R.S. 37:3721-3723)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add a Chapter title.
2. Change the number of members on the Workforce Board from 23 to 11.
3. Add a majority requirement for the inclusion of community health workers on the board.
4. Remove the dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from the board and add a member from the board of directors of the La. Public Health Institute to the board.
5. Remove the assistant secretary of the La. Dept. of Health from the board.
6. Remove the representative of the La. Managed Medicaid Assoc. and certain other members from the board.
7. Change the amount of community health workers representing community-based organizations from 11 to six.
8. Require the La. Community Health Outreach Network to appoint members instead of the governor.
9. Remove members appointed by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives from the board.
10. Delete the duty of the board to develop a certification program for community health workers.
11. Add language that requires the board to meet quarterly and establishes certain accessibility requirements.
12. Make technical corrections.