

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 372**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Crews**

**HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to patient wait time for the provision of emergency care.**

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DIGEST

Proposed law creates the Ambulance Patient Offload Delay Collaborative within the La. Dept. of Health, bureau of emergency services.

Proposed law requires the collaborative to study the problem of ambulance patient offload delays and develop recommendations for addressing the problem.

Proposed law requires the collaborative to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare by Feb. 1, 2025.

Proposed law authorizes the collaborative to continue meeting after submitting the report required by proposed law and further requires the collaborative to submit an annual report to the health and welfare committees if it continues to meet.

Effective Aug. 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 36:259(B)(20) and 40:1134)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the requirement for hospitals to report patient wait time data to the La. Dept. of Health.
2. Remove the requirement for hospitals and ground ambulance providers to report the reason for an extensive transfer wait time.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Delete provisions requiring collection by the department of certain detailed data on transportation and wait times for patients seeking emergency care.
2. Add requirement that ground ambulance providers report all the following information to the department: (a) The total number of patients in need of emergency care transported by the provider to a hospital during the previous quarter and (b) The total number of such patients who were not transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency care from hospital staff within 30 minutes of arrival at the hospital.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the re-reengrossed bill

1. Removes reporting requirements for ground ambulance providers.

2. Creates the Ambulance Patient Offload Delay Collaborative and provides for responsibilities of the collaborative.
3. Changes the effective date.