

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families (the EarlySteps program) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

Prior law tasked budget approval and staffing to the governor or his designee. New law redesignates all duties to the secretary of LDH.

New law requires the executive director described in existing law to be hired as an unclassified employee of the office of LDH, office for citizens with developmental disabilities.

Prior law required the cost of maintaining the functions of the executive director and council to be specified by an interagency agreement between LDH and the office of the governor. New law repeals prior law requirement.

New law requires the executive director to provide administrative support to the state interagency council and act as a resource to the state interagency coordinating council regarding the EarlySteps Program.

New law retains existing law relative to the transfer of agencies and functions to LDH and transfers the EarlySteps program to LDH. New law requires the EarlySteps program to exercise and perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

New law repeals the prior law provision that transfers the Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families and its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to the office of the governor.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action (May 23, 2024).

(Amends R.S. 28:470(A) and (D); Adds R.S. 36:259(D)(9); Repeals R.S. 36:4(B)(30))