## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

## HB 559 2025 Regular Session Echols

HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to human services districts and boards

## **Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

- 1. Removes authority for the surgeon general and secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to confirm an executive director of a human services district or authority board.
- 2. Adds qualifications for an executive director of a human services district or authority board.
- 3. Reassigns responsibilities and duties added by <u>proposed law</u> from human services district and authority boards to the Human Services Interagency Council.
- 4. Modifies the contents of an annual report required to be submitted by Human Services Interagency Council.
- 5. Removes provisions relative to the authority of the La. Dept. of Health to monitor certain behavioral health services provided by human services district or authority board.

## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides for the powers and duties of the human service districts and authorities.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a requirement for each district or authority to hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected officials in the jurisdiction of the district or authority.

<u>Present law</u> creates the Human Services Interagency Council and provides for the purpose and duties of the council.

Proposed law directs the council to complete all of the following:

- (1) Adopt consistent performance indicators.
- (2) Evaluate insurance and Medicaid billing practices.
- (3) Focus on primary care integration.
- (4) Conduct annual patient satisfaction surveys.
- (5) Reduce reliance on state funding.

<u>Present law</u> requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to submit a single comprehensive annual report on the operations of the districts and authorities to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law provides that the annual report shall include all of the following:

(1) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.

- (2) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.
- (3) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

(Amends R.S. 28:917(B) and (D)(1); Adds R.S. 28:915(B)(11))