

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 405

BY SENATOR TALBOT

NURSING HOMES. Provides for a statewide quality oversight initiative for nursing facilities. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2009.10.2, relative to nursing facilities; to provide for a statewide quality  
3 oversight initiative for nursing facilities; to provide for goals and strategies; to  
4 provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health; to  
5 provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2009.10.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§2009.10.2. Statewide quality oversight for nursing facilities; state**  
9 **requirements**

10 **A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop a statewide quality**  
11 **oversight initiative for nursing facilities.**

12 **(1) The short-term goal of the initiative shall be to stabilize performance**  
13 **of facilities by identifying gaps, deploying targeted incentives, aligning**  
14 **interventions with the most pressing quality risks, and identifying funding for**  
15 **execution of the initiative.**

16 **(2) The long-term goal shall be to create a more robust statewide quality**  
17 **oversight system capable of supporting and driving continuous improvement**

1 **and overall system level changes.**

2 **(3) Stakeholders, including trade and advocacy associations, individuals**  
 3 **engaged in the daily operational practice of nursing facility care, and quality**  
 4 **improvement organizations, shall be identified and utilized by the department**  
 5 **to build a coordinated approach centered on collaboration, education, and**  
 6 **practical tools.**

7 **B. The Louisiana Department of Health, through the office of aging and**  
 8 **adult services, shall identify and develop internal subject-matter experts to**  
 9 **support the statewide quality oversight initiative. The department may utilize**  
 10 **such efforts as considered appropriate, including but not limited to:**

11 **(1) Data dashboards and public-facing online tools.**

12 **(2) Resident and family satisfaction surveys.**

13 **(3) Staff training plans and ongoing staff training and development.**

14 **(4) Participation in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**  
 15 **Nursing Home Staffing Campaign.**

16 **C. The department shall submit an initial report to the Senate and House**  
 17 **committees on health and welfare on the status of the statewide quality**  
 18 **oversight initiative on January 1, 2028, and annually on the first of January**  
 19 **thereafter.**

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Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to develop a statewide quality oversight initiative for nursing facilities.

Proposed law provides for the short- and long-term goals of the initiative.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to identify and utilize stakeholders to build a coordinated approach on quality improvement.

Proposed law requires the office of aging and adult services to identify and develop internal subject-matter experts to support the statewide quality oversight initiative.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to submit a status report to the health and welfare committees on Jan. 1, 2028 and annually on Jan. 1st thereafter.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.10.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes requirements relative to facilities with a one-star rating.
2. Requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish a statewide quality oversight initiative for nursing facilities.