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SB 230 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

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Present law provides that the Health Education Authority of Louisiana (hereafter "HEAL" or the "authority") shall operate, in accordance with a master plan, a cooperative and coordinated multi-institutional complex to attract medical services within a functional geographic relationship to the complex. Proposed law repeals references in present law to the complex and proximity to the complex.

Present law includes a thirteen member board of trustees, eight of which make a quorum. Proposed law changes the board to nine members made up of one from each of the five public service commission districts and four at-large members, all appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor. Proposed law establishes that a majority of the appointed members constitute a quorum.

Present law establishes a cap for bond issuance by HEAL in the amount of \$400 million. Proposed law increases the cap to \$800 million.

Present law establishes that no bonds of the authority shall be issued or sold by the State Bond Commission without the prior approval of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Proposed law revises present law to provide that no bonds of the authority shall be issued or sold by the authority without prior approval of the State Bond Commission.

Present law references Charity Hospital of Louisiana. Proposed law updates the references to refer to the hospital by its current name, University Medical Center.

Present law requires formulation of a general master plan for development of the original complex. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law places HEAL within the DHH office of management and finance. Proposed law transfers HEAL to the office of the governor.

Present law requires DHH to staff HEAL to carry out policies and administer the functions of the authority. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 17:3051(intro. para.), (1), and (3), 3052(6)-(8), 3053, 3054(A), 3055(intro. para.), (5), (7), and (10), 3056(A)(1), (B), and (H), and 3058 and R.S. 36:4.1(D); Adds R.S. 17:3053.1; Repeals R.S. 17:3052(1) and (4) and 3055(9) and R.S. 36:259(B))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Reconstitutes the composition of the HEAL board of trustees from thirteen to nine members.
2. Reestablishes a bond cap and increases it from \$400 million to \$800 million.
3. Transfers HEAL from DHH to the office of the governor.
4. Makes technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Revise the bill title to include a reference to placement of HEAL within the executive branch of government.
2. Specify that all of the following laws are applicable to HEAL:
  - (a) The Public Records Law (R.S. 44:1 et seq.).
  - (b) The Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.).
  - (c) The Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101 et seq.).
  - (d) Law relative to audits of books and records of public bodies by the legislative auditor (R.S. 24:513).
3. Delete the defined term "Act", its corresponding definition, and instances of the term from present law and insert in lieu thereof the proper reference to statutory law ("Chapter").
4. Make technical, corrective, and clarifying changes to present law and proposed law.