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Proposed law establishes legislative intent for the modernization of the statutes governing the human services districts and authorities to clarify their purpose in the health delivery spectrum.

Present law provides definitions. Proposed law deletes obsolete definitions to conform with modernization of the statutes regarding human services districts and authorities.

Present law establishes the statutory governance area for each of the human services districts and authorities. Proposed law updates present law to include the districts that have been formally named since the statute was last updated.

Present law provides for composition of the governing boards for the districts and authorities. Proposed law adds expertise in the fields of law enforcement, the judiciary, with particular emphasis on specialty courts, school-based health care, and the coroner's office as the qualifications for the governing authority of the parish shall include when nominating individuals as appointees are replaced due to vacancy.

Present law establishes requirements for the inception and readiness assessment phase of the statewide human services districts. Proposed law updates requirements for board member education and training and affirms the district and authorities role in providing community services in partnership with the local law enforcement and judicial offices, including allowance of sole source contracts to provide services for individuals in those systems.

Present law creates a human services interagency council. Proposed law clarifies the purpose and charge of the council and requires meetings and reporting to the legislature on the services and financial status of the districts and authorities.

Present law includes separate but duplicative Chapters of law for the establishment of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority (R.S. 28:831), Florida Parishes Human Services Authority (Ch. 16), Metropolitan Human Services District (Ch. 17), South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (Ch. 18), Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (Ch. 19), and Capitol Area Human Services District (Ch. 20). Proposed law repeals present law to consolidate these districts and authorities into the Statewide Human Services Delivery (Ch. 21) provisions to establish consistency and cohesiveness while also retaining the autonomy, geographical catchment area, and any unique provisions of each individual district or authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 28:911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, and 918; adds R.S. 28:910, 913.1, 913.2, 913.3,

913.4, 913.5, 913.6, and 913.7; repeals R.S. 28:831, R.S. 28:851-856, R.S. 28:861-866, R.S. 28:871-876, R.S. 28:891-896, and R.S. 28:901-906, and R.S. 28:919 and 920)