

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AGED PERSONS/AGING COUNCIL: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to allocate certain levels of funding to designated community and senior centers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1608(G) and R.S. 46:1608.1, relative to the Jefferson Council on Aging;
3 to provide for allocation of monies appropriated to the council; to require the council
4 to dedicate certain levels of funding annually to designated centers; to establish
5 conditions for the allocation of such funding; to authorize the use of such funding for
6 certain services; to prohibit the displacement, replacement, or supplanting of other
7 monies with such funding; and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 46:1608(G) and R.S. 46:1608.1 are hereby enacted to read as
13 follows:

14 §1608. Senior centers; appropriation; allocation of funds; ~~Rapides Parish area~~
15 agency parish-specific provisions

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17 G. The Jefferson Council on Aging shall allocate monies in accordance with
18 the provisions of R.S. 46:1608.1 to centers in the parish of Jefferson at which
19 activities and services for residents age sixty or over are provided.

1 §1608.1. Jefferson Council on Aging; allocation of monies to certain local centers;
2 conditions

3 A. Subject to the conditions provided in Subsection B of this Section, the
4 Jefferson Council on Aging, referred to hereafter in this Section as the "council",
5 shall allocate monies disbursed pursuant to R.S. 46:1608 in the amounts specified in
6 this Subsection to the following centers, respectively:

7 (1) The council shall allocate to the Harvey Community Center an amount
8 not less than ten thousand dollars annually.

9 (2) The council shall allocate to the Marrero Community and Senior Center
10 an amount not less than ten thousand dollars annually.

11 (3) The council shall allocate to the Woodmere Community Center an
12 amount not less than ten thousand dollars annually.

13 B.(1) The council shall allocate funding to a center designated in Subsection
14 A of this Section only if the center has a contract, cooperative endeavor agreement,
15 memorandum of understanding, or other agreement in effect with at least one
16 nonprofit service provider which provides activities, programs, and services for
17 residents age sixty and over at the primary location of the center.

18 (2) The council shall require each center that receives funding pursuant to
19 Subsection A of this Section to utilize such funding for the exclusive purpose of
20 providing services for residents age sixty and over. Such services may include,
21 without limitation, any of the following:

22 (a) A senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription
23 medications to seniors.

24 (b) A senior health insurance information program.

25 (c) Aging and disability resources.

26 (d) The following special services for seniors:

27 (i) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite
28 care services.

29 (ii) Homemaker services.

- 1 (iii) Legal resources and services.
- 2 (iv) Educational services.
- 3 (v) Nutrition services.
- 4 (vi) Transportation services.
- 5 C. No monies allocated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be
- 6 used to displace, replace, or supplant any local or state funding for the operation of
- 7 a center designated in Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to allocate certain levels of funding to designated community and senior centers to fund services for residents age 60 and over.

Proposed law requires the Jefferson Council on Aging (council), to allocate certain amounts of funding disbursed to it pursuant to present law relative to operation of senior centers (R.S. 46:1608). Provides for the amounts specified below to be allocated to the following centers, respectively:

- (1) An amount not less than \$10,000 annually to the Harvey Community Center.
- (2) An amount not less than \$10,000 annually to the Marrero Community and Senior Center.
- (3) An amount not less than \$10,000 annually to the Woodmere Community Center.

Proposed law requires the council to allocate funding to a center designated in proposed law only if the center has a contract, cooperative endeavor agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other agreement in effect with at least one nonprofit service provider which provides activities, programs, and services for residents age 60 and over at the primary location of the center.

Proposed law provides that the council shall require each center that receives funding pursuant to proposed law to utilize such funding for the exclusive purpose of providing services for residents age 60 and over. Provides that such services may include, without limitation, any of the following:

- (1) A senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription medications to seniors.
- (2) A senior health insurance information program.
- (3) Aging and disability resources.
- (4) The following special services for seniors:

- (a) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite care services.
- (b) Homemaker services.
- (c) Legal resources and services.
- (d) Educational services.
- (e) Nutrition services.
- (f) Transportation services.

Proposed law stipulates that no monies allocated pursuant to proposed law shall be used to displace, replace, or supplant any local or state funding for the operation of any community center designated in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1)