
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)