

districts and authorities, based on quality outcomes.

Proposed law requires every district and authority to set aside at least 10% of its state general fund appropriation each fiscal year for in-home services for the developmentally disabled.

Present law provides for the department to impose sanctions on the districts and authorities for noncompliance with their contract. Proposed law specifies that the sanctions may be requiring a plan of correction or assuming temporary management of the district or authority. If the sanction is a plan of correction, the Senate and House committees on health and welfare must be notified. If the sanction is temporary management, the department must get the approval of the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

Present law establishes a state funded program for cash subsidies for families with persons with developmental disabilities (R.S. 28:821). Proposed law requires the human services districts and authorities to consider as a board, and in their contract with the department, their responsibilities in implementing this program.

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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Restores present law regarding the human services accountability plan and the human services framework.
2. Requires a minimum number of professionals and consumers on each human service district and authority board in the fields of developmental disability, addictive disorder, and mental health. Places them on the board immediately upon passage of proposed law and reduces the board the their statutory capacity as current member's

terms expire.

3. Requires the human service district and authority boards to prioritize the services established in the Community and Family Support System provisions of law at R.S. 28:821, et seq.
4. Clarifies that the Louisiana Department of Health is responsible for submitting an annual report to the legislature on the operations of the human service districts and authorities and provides for an oversight hearing on the report by the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.
5. Clarifies the funding assessment that the department must conduct regarding the human services districts and authorities and establishes quality outcome and reporting requirements as a condition of contracting with the department or receiving funding.
6. Restores the secretary as the chairman of the Human Services Interagency Council.
7. Restores present law regarding sanctions and clarifies that the department may require a plan of correction and if so, must provide notice to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare. If there is threat to public health or well-being, the department may take temporary management of the district or authority, but can only do so with the approval of the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.
8. Provides for survey and monitoring of the districts and authorities by the department.
9. Makes technical corrections.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes changes to the governing board for Capital Area Human Services District.
2. Requires every district and authority to set aside at least 10% of its state general fund appropriation each fiscal year for in-home services for the developmentally disabled.
3. Removes the requirement that the judicial branch or correctional facility that a district or authority enters into a contract with the sole source provider.
4. Provides that when necessary, LDH, in consultation with the districts or authorities, shall submit certain data and information to the legislature prior to making any recommendation of funds adjustment for the subsequent fiscal year.
5. Makes technical amendments.