

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AGED PERSONS/AGING COUNCIL: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to provide certain levels of services at specified community and senior centers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1, relative to the Jefferson Council on Aging; to provide
3 for allocation of services funded with monies appropriated to the council; to require
4 the council to provide for and fund certain services to be delivered at designated
5 centers; to establish conditions for the allocation of such services; to authorize the
6 provision of certain services for residents age sixty or over; to prohibit the
7 displacement, replacement, or supplanting of other monies with funding for such
8 services; and to provide for related matters.

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

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1 are hereby enacted to read as 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 services in accordance with
18 the provisions of R.S. 46:1608.1 among 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 services among certain local
2 centers; 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 ensure delivery of a minimum level of services at the following centers within
6 the set of services to be funded with monies disbursed pursuant to R.S. 46:1608:

7 (1) The Harvey Community Center.

8 (2) The Marrero Community and Senior Center.

9 (3) The Woodmere Community Center.

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

15 (2)(a) Subject to the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the
16 council shall provide for services to be provided at each center designated in
17 Subsection A of this Section as requested by the director of the center.

18 (b) The council shall provide for and fund all services requested by the
19 director of a center until the value of the services provided for and funded pursuant
20 to this Paragraph at the center reaches ten thousand dollars in a fiscal year.
21 However, the council may fund additional services requested by a center director
22 pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph subject to the approval of the
23 governing body of the council.

24 (3) The services provided pursuant to this Section shall be for residents age
25 sixty or over exclusively, and may include, without limitation, any of the following:

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

28 (b) A senior health insurance information program.

29 (c) Aging and disability resources.

- 1 (d) The following special services for seniors:
- 2 (i) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite
- 3 care services.
- 4 (ii) Homemaker services.
- 5 (iii) Legal resources and services.
- 6 (iv) Educational services.
- 7 (v) Nutrition services.
- 8 (vi) Transportation services.
- 9 C. No monies allocated for services pursuant to the provisions of this Section
- 10 shall be used to displace, replace, or supplant any local or state funding for the
- 11 operation of a center designated in Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to provide certain levels of services, for residents age 60 and over, at specified community and senior centers.

Proposed law requires the Jefferson Council on Aging (council) to ensure that certain minimum levels of services for seniors, those services that are provided at senior centers pursuant to present law (R.S. 46:1608), are also provided at the following centers:

- (1) The Harvey Community Center.
- (2) The Marrero Community and Senior Center.
- (3) The Woodmere Community Center.

Proposed law requires the council to provide such services to a center specified in proposed law only if the center has an agreement with at least one nonprofit service provider that provides activities, programs, and services for residents age 60 and over at the primary location of the center.

Proposed law requires the council to provide for and fund all services requested by the director of a center until the value of the services provided for and funded reaches \$10,000 in a fiscal year. Authorizes the council to fund additional services requested by a center director subject to the approval of the governing body of the council.

Proposed law provides that the services provided by the council be for residents age 60 and over and that such services may include:

- (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.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law such that it requires that the council provide for and fund services at the designated centers rather than requiring the council to allocate funds to the centers.
2. Add requirement that services be provided at the request of a center's director, up to the specified limit, and add authorization for the governing body of the council to fund additional services.