

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 490

2017 Regular Session

Leger

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION. Creates the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires the Drug Policy Board to establish an Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education to coordinate resources and expertise to assist in a statewide response.

Proposed law provides that the council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (3) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Louisiana State Coroners Association or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (9) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (10) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (11) The attorney general or his designee.
- (12) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.
- (13) A judge from a drug division of a district court appointed by the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court.

Proposed law provides that the council may engage and solicit, as necessary, input, recommendations, and guidance pertaining to heroine and opioid prevention and education from interested parties and stakeholders, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) The La. Board of Pharmacy.
- (2) The La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
- (3) The La. Sheriffs' Association.
- (4) The La. District Attorneys Association.
- (5) The La. State Medical Society.
- (6) The Chiropractic Association of La.

- (7) The La. Physical Therapy Association.
- (8) The La. Association of Chiefs of Police.
- (9) The La. Independent Pharmacies Association.
- (10) The La. State Nurses Association.
- (11) The La. Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- (12) The La. Ambulance Alliance.
- (13) The La. State Board of Nursing.
- (14) The La. Psychiatric Medical Association.
- (15) The La. Poison Control Center.
- (16) The La.-Ms. Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
- (17) The Optometry Association of La.

Proposed law requires the council to serve in an advisory capacity to the board and establish an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan, which shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

- (1) Parish-level data on opioid overdoses and the dispensing of overdose-reversal medication.
- (2) Progress of current initiatives in the state relating to the heroin and opioid epidemic.
- (3) Specific impacts to agencies in addressing education, treatment including the use of medication-assisted treatment, prevention, overdose, and recovery.

Proposed law requires the council to coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication as current and accurate statewide data is critical in educating both those involved in policy development and the citizens of this state.

Proposed law requires the council to also coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.

Proposed law provides for the officers, quorum and voting requirements, compensation, domicile, staffing, and meeting requirements of the council.

(Adds R.S. 49:219.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Change the requirement to report on the use of overdose-reversal medication to a requirement to report on the dispensing of overdose-reversal medication.
2. Clarify that each state department participating on the council shall assist with the staffing needs of the council.
3. Add the president of the Chiropractic Association of La., the president of the La. Physical Therapy Association, and the executive director of the La. Association of Chiefs of Police as ex officio members of the council.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the president of the La. Independent Pharmacies Association, the president of the La. State Nurses Association, the president of the La. Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the executive director of the La. Ambulance Alliance as ex officio members of the council.
2. Specify that the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan shall include specific impacts to agencies in addressing treatment including the use of medication-assisted treatment.
3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes the superintendent of state police or his designee from the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education.
2. Adds the president of the Louisiana State Coroners Association or his designee to the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education.
3. Removes provision for ex-officio nonvoting members of the council and clarifies that the council may solicit input, recommendations, and guidance from interested parties and stakeholders, including, but not limited to the La. Board of Pharmacy, La. State Board of Medical Examiners, La. Sheriffs' Association, La. District Attorneys Association, La. State Medical Society, Chiropractic Association of La., La. Physical Therapy Association, La. Association of Chiefs of Police, La. Independent Pharmacies Association, La. State Nurses Association, La. Association of Nurse Practitioners, La. Ambulance Alliance, La. State Board of Nursing, La. Psychiatric Medical Association, La. Poison Control Center, La.-Ms. Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and the Optometry Association of La..