

**ACT No. 215**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

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.

20 §1608.1. Jefferson Council on Aging; allocation of services among certain local  
21 centers; conditions

1           A. Subject to the conditions provided in Subsection B of this Section, the  
 2           Jefferson Council on Aging, referred to hereafter in this Section as the "council",  
 3           shall ensure delivery of a minimum level of services at the following centers within  
 4           the set of services to be funded with monies disbursed pursuant to R.S. 46:1608 or  
 5           another funding source:

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

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

14                    (2) The council shall provide for services to be provided at each center  
 15           designated in Subsection A of this Section until the value of the services provided  
 16           for and funded pursuant to this Section at the center reaches ten thousand dollars in  
 17           a fiscal year.

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

- 20                    (a) A senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription  
 21           medications to seniors.
- 22                    (b) A senior health insurance information program.
- 23                    (c) Aging and disability resources.
- 24                    (d) The following special services for seniors:
  - 25                    (i) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite  
 26           care services.
  - 27                    (ii) Homemaker services.
  - 28                    (iii) Legal resources and services.
  - 29                    (iv) Educational services.
  - 30                    (v) Nutrition services.

1                    (vi) Transportation services.

2                    C. No monies allocated for services pursuant to the provisions of this Section  
3                    shall be used to displace, replace, or supplant any local or state funding for the  
4                    operation of a center designated in Subsection A of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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