

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 215 (HB 377)

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Existing law requires the legislature to annually appropriate funds to the office of elderly affairs for distribution by the executive director to the various voluntary parish councils on aging for the operation of senior centers throughout the state.

New 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 existing law, are also provided at the following centers: Harvey Community Center, Marrero Community and Senior Center, and Woodmere Community Center.

New law requires the council to provide services to a center specified in new law only if a nonprofit service provider that provides activities, programs, and services for residents age 60 and over at the primary location of the center has entered into a contract with Jefferson Parish. Further requires the council to provide services at each center until the value of the services provided for and funded reaches \$10,000 in a fiscal year.

New law requires that the services provided by the council be for residents age 60 and over and provides that such services may include: a senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription medications to seniors, a senior health insurance information program, aging and disability resources, and other special services specified in new law.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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