

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH CARE. Extends and provides for the Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management Commission. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2018.4, relative to the Louisiana Obesity Prevention and
3 Management Commission; to provide for membership; to provide for the functions
4 of the commission; to provide for a termination date of the commission; and to
5 provide for related matters.
6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2018.4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8 §2018.4. Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management Commission
9 A. There is hereby established in the Louisiana Department of Health a
10 commission designated the Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management
11 Commission ("commission"), composed of ten members as provided for in this
12 Section. The commission may accept and expend grants and private donations from
13 any source, including federal, state, public, and private entities, to assist it to carry
14 out its functions.
15 B. The powers, functions, and duties of the commission shall include but not
16 be limited to the following:
17 (1) Assisting the executive departments and agencies in achieving

1 programmatic goals **related to obesity prevention and management**. To this end,
2 the commission shall provide leadership and support for:

3 (a) Organizational efforts found necessary to achieve programmatic
4 objectives.

5 (b) Articulating standards through the dissemination of materials,
6 identification of expert opinion, identification of alternate means of developing
7 effective population-based programs, and development of policy in identified health
8 risks.

9 (c) Creating awareness among payers, providers, and patients of ~~the health~~
10 ~~risks due to~~ **evidence-based practices to prevent and manage** overweight and
11 obesity conditions.

12 (d) ~~Enhancing reporting mechanisms of~~ **Dissemination of the** latest **health**
13 outcomes **data** and health trends in the area of overweight and obesity concerns.

14 (e) Conducting evaluations of program effectiveness.

15 (f) Encouraging research and the identification of resources that seek ways
16 to promote cost-effective methods of treating overweight and obesity conditions.

17 (2) Assisting in conducting exploratory research as deemed necessary with
18 the intent of achieving programmatic objectives.

19 (3) Conducting public meetings to discuss obesity.

20 (4) Advising ~~and assisting~~ participating agencies ~~with~~ **on** the development
21 and implementation of obesity programs.

22 (5) Analyzing what other entities across the state are doing to combat obesity.

23 (6) Advising the executive departments and agencies as to the
24 implementation of the commission's recommendations.

25 C. ~~The commission shall convene its first meeting no later than August 31,~~
26 ~~2014. At the first meeting the chairman and vice chairman of the commission shall~~
27 ~~be appointed by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health with the~~
28 ~~consultation and approval of the commission.~~ The commission may adopt such rules
29 of procedure as are necessary to facilitate orderly conduct of its business.

1 D. The commission shall be composed of the following members **and sector**
2 **representation:**

3 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.

4 (2) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.

5 (3) The commissioner of insurance, or his designee.

6 (4) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

7 (5) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

8 (6) The director of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, or his
9 designee.

10 (7) The director of the Prevention Research Center at Tulane University, or
11 his designee.

12 ~~(8) Two members from community-based groups elected by the other~~
13 ~~commission members at their first meeting. These two members shall serve a term~~
14 ~~of two years and may be elected by the other commission members to serve~~
15 ~~additional terms.~~

16 ~~(9) The director of the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and~~
17 ~~Lifelong Learning, or his designee.~~

18 **(9) The commission shall encourage representation from multisector**
19 **partners including but not limited to:**

20 **(a) City planning and transportation.**

21 **(b) Health systems and healthcare providers treating obesity.**

22 **(c) Louisiana Medicaid.**

23 **(d) Local governments.**

24 **(e) Food banks in the state.**

25 **(f) Employer organizations, including but not limited to chambers of**
26 **commerce.**

27 **(g) Public nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.**

28 **(h) Other professionals, as the commission finds necessary, who are**
29 **addressing the issue of obesity in adults and children.**

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law provides for the membership of the Commission.

Proposed law removes two members from community-based groups and provides the Commission with the authority to encourage representation from multisector partners.

Present law provides that the legislative authority for the Commission ceases to exist on March 31, 2018.

Proposed law changes the date from 2018 to 2020.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2018.4)