

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:259(B)(34) and R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), and (C) through  
3 (E) and to repeal R.S. 40:2018.1(G), relative to the Louisiana Commission on HIV,  
4 AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment; to revise the name of  
5 the commission; to provide for the means by which the chairman of the commission  
6 is selected; to delete references to AIDS within laws pertaining to the commission;  
7 to repeal provisions terminating the commission; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 36:259(B)(34) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §259. Transfer of agencies and functions to Louisiana Department of Health

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12 B. The following agencies, as defined in R.S. 36:3, are placed within the  
13 Louisiana Department of Health and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties,  
14 functions, and responsibilities as otherwise provided by law:

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16 (34) The Louisiana Commission on HIV, ~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education,  
17 Prevention, and Treatment (R.S. 40:2018.1).

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19 Section 2. R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), and (C) through (E) are hereby amended and  
20 reenacted to read as follows:

1 §2018.1. Louisiana Commission on HIV,~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education,  
2 Prevention, and Treatment

3 A. The legislature hereby establishes within the office of public health of the  
4 Louisiana Department of Health a commission which shall be designated the  
5 "Louisiana Commission on HIV,~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and  
6 Treatment". The commission shall be composed of thirty-three members as provided  
7 in Subsection B of this Section.

8 B.(1) Twenty members shall serve at the governor's pleasure and shall be  
9 appointed by the governor as follows:

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11 (i) Three representatives from the Louisiana Department of Health who have  
12 knowledge of policies related to HIV,~~AIDS~~, and hepatitis C and who work in the  
13 office of public health, office of behavioral health, and bureau of health services  
14 financing, respectively.

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16 C. ~~The chairman of the commission shall be appointed by the governor and~~  
17 The commission, in open session, shall elect from among its members a chairman,  
18 who shall serve as chairman without salary.

19 D. The commission shall hold at least six regular meetings each year ~~at a~~  
20 ~~place designated by the chairman.~~ Any such meeting may be in-person or virtual via  
21 electronic means, subject to applicable requirements and limitations of the Open  
22 Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq. The commission members shall be compensated  
23 for travel in connection with commission meetings and official commission business  
24 as approved by the chairman of the commission. Reimbursement for travel expenses  
25 shall be in accordance with the travel regulations of the division of administration.  
26 All meetings of the commission shall be convened in the state of Louisiana.

27 E. The functions of the commission shall be to:

28 (1) Serve as an advisory body to the governor and the Louisiana Department  
29 of Health on matters relating to hepatitis C, ~~HIV, and AIDS~~ and HIV.

