

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 333

BY SENATOR HEWITT

STATE AGENCIES. Provides relative to boards and commissions. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:254(A)(14) and R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a), and to
3 repeal R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(C)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22), relative
4 to boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities and the powers,
5 functions, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdictions thereof; to provide relative to the
6 functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards,
7 commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to provide for any necessary
8 transitions and transfers; to remove references to certain abolished entities; to
9 remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the
10 Medical Education Commission; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. The legislature finds that abolishing, transferring, and consolidating
13 certain boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities is in the public interest
14 when such entities no longer serve a public purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to
15 abolish, transfer, and consolidate boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities
16 and make other changes as provided in this Act.

17 **Medical Education Commission**

1 Section 2. (A) R.S. 36:254(A)(14) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health

4 A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the
5 secretary by law, he shall:

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7 (14) Determine how funding for residency positions, residency supervision,
8 and other medical education resources shall be allocated among institutions which
9 provide medical education at hospitals in the health care services division of the
10 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, including the Medical Center of
11 Louisiana at New Orleans, to ensure that there is an equitable distribution among
12 medical education programs providing services in public institutions. In making such
13 determinations, the secretary shall consider ~~advice provided by the Medical~~
14 ~~Education Commission~~, the historical distribution of graduate medical education
15 resources, the long-term effects of the allocation of medical education resources to
16 each program, and the clinical workload of each program.

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18 (B) R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
19 as follows:

20 §98.3. Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund, the Education Excellence
21 Fund, and the TOPS Fund

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23 B. Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be restricted to the
24 following purposes:

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26 (2) A program of research grants and projects that encourage the pursuit of
27 innovation in advanced health care sciences; such program shall support clinical and
28 laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities, ~~as well as institutions~~
29 ~~represented in the membership of the Medical Education Commission as provided~~

1 ~~in R.S. 17:1519.8~~, and shall fund grants for both basic and applied research in
 2 advanced health care sciences; such program shall encourage institutional
 3 commitment and leveraging of state monies to secure private and federal funds and
 4 shall be administered by the Board of Regents through an objective, competitive
 5 process subject to peer review. The Board of Regents shall annually submit to the
 6 legislature and the governor, not less than forty-five days prior to the beginning of
 7 each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the
 8 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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10 §98.4. Louisiana Fund

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12 B. Appropriations from the Fund shall be restricted to the following purposes
 13 provided in this Subsection, and no annual appropriation for any one of the purposes
 14 enumerated in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this Subsection may exceed fifty percent
 15 of the total amount of monies appropriated from the Fund in any fiscal year:

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17 (3) Initiatives to benefit the citizens of Louisiana with respect to health care
 18 through:

19 (a) A program of research grants and projects that encourage the pursuit of
 20 innovation in advanced health care sciences; such program shall support clinical and
 21 laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities, ~~as well as institutions~~
 22 ~~represented in the membership of the Medical Education Commission as provided~~
 23 ~~in R.S. 17:1519.8~~, and shall fund grants for both basic and applied research in
 24 advanced health care sciences; such program shall encourage institutional
 25 commitment and leveraging of state monies to secure private and federal funds and
 26 shall be administered by the Board of Regents through an objective, competitive
 27 process subject to peer review. The Board of Regents shall annually submit to the
 28 legislature and the governor, not less than forty-five days prior to the beginning of
 29 each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the

1 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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3 (C) R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(C)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22) are hereby
4 repealed.

5 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
9 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Matt Deville. The following digest,
which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

SB 333 Reengrossed

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Hewitt

Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity and provides for any necessary transitions and transfers, all as follows:

Medical Education Commission: Present law creates the commission to make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health on the distribution of funding for residency positions, residency supervision, and other medical education resources for the LSU HSC hospitals among medical education programs providing services and to analyze and make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health regarding appropriate formulas to be used in calculating the amounts to be paid to a medical institution in support of its training programs in the LSU HSC hospitals. Proposed law abolishes the commission.

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

(Amends R.S. 36:254(A)(14) and R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a); repeals R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(C)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical amendments