

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 717

2022 Regular Session

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June 6, 2022

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 717 by Representative McMahan, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments (#3465) be adopted.
2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3465), on page 1, line 6, after "fund;" and before the quotation mark " " " insert "to provide relative to human services districts and authorities;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3465), on page 1, line 11, change "insert" to "add"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3465), on page 1, at the end of line 18, change "healthcare providers" to "hospitals"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3465), on page 1, at the end of line 20, delete the quotation mark " " "

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3465), on page 1, after line 20, add the following:

"Section 2. Any and all lease agreements existing between the Central Louisiana Human Services District and any other party or parties shall be amended only as provided for in such lease agreements. As of June 1, 2022, all licensed tenants of the Central Louisiana Human Services District shall be considered jointly approved by both lessee and lessor throughout the terms of such lease, or extension of such lease, in effect and no joint approval shall be required for such tenants." "

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Wayne McMahan

Senator Fred H. Mills Jr.

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley

Senator Robert Mills

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and onliner of the instrument as it left the House

MEDICAID: Provides relative to parishes eligible for the local healthcare provider participation program

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Revise present law relative to authorized uses of monies in the local provider participation fund (R.S. 40:1248.7(C)) by changing the designation of certain beneficiaries of monies from the fund.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Revise Senate amendments to change the designation of certain beneficiaries of monies from the local provider participation fund from healthcare providers to hospitals.
2. Provide that any and all lease agreements existing between the Central La. Human Services District and any other party or parties shall be amended only as provided for in such lease agreements. Provide further that as of June 1, 2022, all licensed tenants of the Central La. Human Services District shall be considered jointly approved by both lessee and lessor throughout the terms of such lease, or extension of such lease, in effect and no joint approval shall be required for such tenants.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law creates within the state Medicaid program a local healthcare provider participation program for health services financing. Identifies parishes eligible for the program through population range references. Provides that population figures noted are those from most recent federal decennial census.

Proposed law revises present law as necessary to maintain geographic applicability of present law as originally enacted through Act No. 330 of the 2020 RS by updating population range references with figures from the 2020 U.S. Census.

Present law and proposed law apply exclusively to the following five parishes:

- (1) Any parish with a population of not less than 36,600 persons and not more than 37,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Webster Parish).
- (2) Any parish with a population of not less than 46,000 persons and not more than 48,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Lincoln Parish).
- (3) Any parish in which a rural institutional provider, as defined through population range references in present law and proposed law, is located (Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, and St. Landry parishes).

Present law defines "rural institutional provider" as a licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that had no more than 60 hospital beds on Nov. 1, 2020, and meets the location criteria provided in present law.

Proposed law revises present law to include within the definition of "rural institutional provider" any licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that meets the location criteria provided in present law and proposed law, existed on November 1, 2020, and has no more than 60 hospital beds.

Present law authorizes certain uses of monies in the local provider participation fund created by present law (R.S. 40:1248.7(C)). Proposed law revises present law to provide that funding of intergovernmental transfers from a parish to the state to provide the nonfederal share of Medicaid payments for the benefit of hospitals in the parish is an authorized use of monies in the fund.

Present law, R.S. 28:910 et seq., creates and provides for human services districts and authorities. Proposed law retains present law and provides that any and all lease agreements existing between the Central La. Human Services District and any other party or parties shall be amended only as provided for in such lease agreements. Provides further that as of June 1, 2022, all licensed tenants of the Central La. Human Services District shall be considered jointly approved by both lessee and lessor throughout the terms of such lease, or extension of such lease, in effect and no joint approval shall be required for such tenants.

(Amends R.S. 40:1248.1(6), 1248.3(1) and (2), and 1248.7(C)(1))