

SENATE BILL NO. 333

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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 Chapter 21 of Title 17 of  
4 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3051 through 3060,  
5 and R.S. 36:259(B)(22) and 651(C)(8), relative to boards, commissions, authorities,  
6 districts, and like entities and the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, and  
7 jurisdictions thereof; to provide relative to the functional organization of state  
8 government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like  
9 entities; to provide for any necessary transitions and transfers; to remove references  
10 to certain abolished entities; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers,  
11 functions, and duties of the Medical Education Commission; to remove references  
12 to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the Health Education  
13 Authority of Louisiana and its board; to provide relative to the assets of the Health  
14 Education Authority of Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

21 **Medical Education Commission**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the  
2 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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4 §98.4. Louisiana Fund

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

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

13 (a) A program of research grants and projects that encourage the pursuit of  
14 innovation in advanced health care sciences; such program shall support clinical and  
15 laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities, ~~as well as institutions~~  
16 ~~represented in the membership of the Medical Education Commission as provided~~  
17 ~~in R.S. 17:1519.8~~, and shall fund grants for both basic and applied research in  
18 advanced health care sciences; such program shall encourage institutional  
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21 process subject to peer review. The Board of Regents shall annually submit to the  
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23 each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the  
24 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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

28 **Health Education Authority of Louisiana**

29 Section 3.(A) Chapter 21 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
30 comprised of R.S. 17:3051 through 3060, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

1 (B) R.S. 36:651(C)(8) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2 (C) The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to enter into such  
3 documents, contracts, agreements, covenants, conditions, stipulations, or other instruments  
4 and to execute such documents as necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer,  
5 assignment, lease, or delivery of title to any immovable property of Health Education  
6 Authority of Louisiana to the state of Louisiana. Any funds on deposit in the name of Health  
7 Education Authority of Louisiana not transferred to another entity or official shall be the  
8 property of the state and the state treasurer shall provide for the deposit of such funds in the  
9 state treasury to the credit of the state general fund, after deposit in the Bond Security and  
10 Redemption Fund as otherwise provided by law.

11 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_