

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 123 (SB 411)

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Existing law provides for the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN), a comprehensive, coordinated statewide system for access to regional trauma-patient care throughout the state. Existing law further provides for the system to be compatible and interfaced with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. New law retains existing law and expands the scope to include patient care for strokes and ST-segment myocardial infarction (STEMI).

Existing law provides for a governing board of 29 members and provides for the qualifications of the membership. New law changes the nominating entity for the member representing hospitals with 100 beds or more from the Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans to the La. Hospital Association. New law further removes the 211 member of the La. Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and adds one EMS practitioner from a list of nominees submitted by the La. Association of Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

Existing law provides that all members of the board shall serve terms of three years except for the terms of the initial board members. New law retains existing law and repeals outdated language relative to the initial terms.

Existing law provides for the establishment and maintenance of a statewide trauma system, which shall include a centralized communication center for resource coordination of medical capabilities for participating trauma centers and emergency medical services. New law retains existing law and expands the scope to include participating stroke and STEMI centers.

Existing law provides for an annual written report to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare at least 30 days prior to each regular session which shall include a summary of the data relevant to the goals of existing law and all other information relevant to trauma-patient care and its delivery in this state through the network. New law retains existing law and expands the scope to include data regarding patient care for strokes and STEMI.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (15), (16), (17), (20), and (23), (C), and (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1))