

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 883**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Phelps**

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Allows the provision of data relative to sickle cell disease

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes the requirement that the La. Dept. of Health use existing software to expedite the transfer of patient information contemplated by proposed law.
2. Changes a party to the agreement to transfer patient contact information described in proposed law from a healthcare provider to a sickle cell clinic.
3. Adds that a school nurse in public schools, including charter schools, shall participate in a one hour training program on caring for students with sickle cell disease.
4. Adds that the La. Sickle Cell Commission shall develop the training materials to be used in the training required by proposed law.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires that school nurses in public schools, including charter schools, participate in a one hour, in-service training program on caring for students with sickle cell disease.

Proposed law provides that the training program required by proposed law shall include information on all of the following:

- (1) The medical needs of students with sickle cell disease.
- (2) The possible accommodations a student with sickle cell disease may require.
- (3) The methods required to communicate with parents and other school personnel to support positive academic outcomes for students with sickle cell disease.

Proposed law requires the La. Sickle Cell Commission to develop instructional materials, which shall be made available on the La. St. Bd. of Nursing's website.

Present law establishes a registry to record data related to individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease in this state.

Present law requires a healthcare provider to provide the La. Dept. of Health with patient data when an individual is diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

Present law directs the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to promulgate rules to govern the collection of data.

Proposed law directs LDH to facilitate an agreement between sickle cell clinics and sickle cell associations to communicate patient information.

Proposed law directs LDH to utilize existing software to expedite the communication between healthcare providers and the sickle cell associations.

(Amends R.S. 40:1125.13; Adds R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82))