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Fiscal Note On: **HB** 559 HLS 25RS 952

Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Health/LDH

Subject: Organizes the state human services district

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Organizes the state human services district under the secretary and surgeon general of the Louisiana Department of Health

Proposed law organizes the state human services districts and authorities under the strategic oversight of the Surgeon General within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law creates the Louisiana Population Health Coordinating Council (LPHCC) within LDH, composed of 17 members serving without compensation, and tasks the Council with developing and implementing a Statewide Population Health Strategy (SPHS). Proposed law authorizes the Surgeon General to hire, evaluate, and terminate the executive directors of each district or authority. Executive directors shall report directly to the Surgeon General and serve as voting members of the Council. Proposed law requires all strategic and programmatic priorities of human services districts and authorities to align with the SPHS. Proposed law further requires LDH to conduct annual programmatic and fiscal reviews, consolidate overlapping contracts, implement performance-based funding models, and submit a report summarizing fraud, waste, and duplication reduction efforts to the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> does not anticipate a direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The bill establishes the Louisiana Population Health Coordinating Council (LPHCC) within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and grants the Surgeon General strategic oversight over human services districts and authorities, including the authority to hire, evaluate, and terminate each district's executive director. Executive directors shall report directly to the Surgeon General and serve as voting members of the LPHCC. The Governor's Office and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) report no anticipated fiscal impact, as the Council is supported by LDH, members serve without compensation, and agency participation does not require additional resources. LDH also reports no fiscal impact, indicating that existing staff positions and funding associated with human services districts will be administratively transferred to LDH to support the new structure. No new positions or additional funding are required, and implementation is expected to occur within existing resources.

Note: The functions of the LPHCC will include developing and coordinating the statewide population health strategy. This strategy will include, but is not limited to: reducing preventable hospitalizations and emergency room visits; decreasing maternal and infant mortality and improving maternal health access; expanding mental and behavioral health services; increasing the utilization of preventative care, including cancer screenings and vaccinations; decreasing opioid overdoses; reducing racial and geographical disparities in health outcomes; improving care coordination for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness; and advancing workforce development and retention for primary care, behavioral health, and public health professionals.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. It does not authorize the collection of fees, assessments, or taxes. The Governor's Office, the Department of Education, and the Louisiana Department of Health report no revenue impact, as the bill focuses on governance and coordination rather than revenue-generating activities. Therefore, this measure is not expected to impact state or local revenues.

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