

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH/LDH: Organizes the state human services district under the secretary and surgeon general of the Louisiana Department of Health

## 1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human services districts and authorities; to require  
3 district and authority boards to report progress toward achieving statewide health  
4 goals; to task the Louisiana Department of Health with developing reporting  
5 standards; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 28:914(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §914. Requirements for districts and authorities; board education and awareness

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10 E.(1) All boards shall prepare an annual report summarizing each board's  
11 progress toward achieving the statewide health goals as established by the  
12 department.

13 (2) The report shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

14 (a) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding  
15 year.

16 (b) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide  
17 health goals.

18 (c) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.19 (d) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

1                   (3) The department shall develop and publish uniform reporting standards,  
2                   metrics, and evaluation criteria by which district and authority boards shall assess  
3                   and report their progress.

4                   (4)The department shall compile the reports required by this Subsection and  
5                   prepare a statewide summary for submission to the House Committee on Health and  
6                   Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by February first of each  
7                   year.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 559 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires an annual report from health district and authority boards on the board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals as established by La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

Proposed law requires health district and authority boards to prepare an annual report that summarizes the board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals established by LDH.

Proposed law provides that the annual report shall include all of the following:

- (1) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.
- (2) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide health goals.
- (3) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.
- (4) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

Proposed law LDH shall establish criteria for district and authority board to evaluate their performance.

Proposed law tasks LDH with compiling reports required by proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 28:914(E))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Remove all content from proposed law.
2. Add that the health district and authority boards provide an annual report on the board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals.

3. Task LDH with establishing reporting standards and evaluation criteria health district and authority boards.
4. Provide for the required content of the annual report.