

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Resolution No. 298 by Representative Amedee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "LDH's" add "advisory, policy guidance, training, and similar non-procurement"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

"WHEREAS, various nongovernmental organizations, including foundations, nonprofits, and professional associations, exercise influence over state agencies not through ordinary procurement contracts or appropriated payments for services rendered, but through the provision of model policies, position statements, training, professional development, technical assistance, and similar advisory services; and

WHEREAS, such advisory and policy-shaping relationships, while often unaccompanied by significant direct expenditure, can shape departmental policy, internal operations, and governance in ways that may not be captured by routine financial audits or procurement oversight; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 19, after "maintain" and before "relationships" insert "such advisory"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

"WHEREAS, LDH does not currently maintain a centralized inventory of these advisory, policy guidance, and training relationships, making it difficult for the legislature to assess their scope, cost, or influence on departmental operations; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 8, after "study" and before "would" insert "of such relationships"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 12, after "expenditures" and before "is" insert "and relationships"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2 , delete lines 23 through 28 and insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this Resolution, the following definitions apply:

(1)(a) "Covered entity" means a nongovernmental organization, foundation, nonprofit, or professional association that is organized under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or is a foundation or professional association of comparable nonprofit status and provides to LDH, to any LDH division or office, or to LDH personnel acting in their official capacity, one or more of the following:

(i) Policy guidance, model policies, model legislation, resolutions, position statements, or similar advisory documents that LDH or its personnel consider, adopt, reference, or rely upon in shaping departmental policy or operations.

(ii) Training, professional development, certification, or accreditation services for LDH personnel.

(iii) Technical assistance or consulting services concerning departmental operations, governance, program design, or policy implementation.

(iv) Membership in an association or coalition that issues any of the foregoing on behalf of, or for the benefit of, its member agencies.

(b) "Covered entity" does not include any of the following:

(i) An entity solely by virtue of its status as a Medicaid provider, regardless of whether the legislature appropriates funds for the purpose of paying Medicaid providers.

(ii) An entity solely by virtue of its receipt of a line-item appropriation within LDH's budget.

(iii) A vendor under a procurement contract subject to the Louisiana Procurement Code or other applicable procurement statutes, where the relationship consists solely of the procurement of goods or services pursuant to such contract;

(iv) An entity whose interactions with LDH consist solely of participation directed or required by an act, resolution, or other formal action of the legislature, including but not limited to participation in legislatively established task forces, advisory councils, or working groups.

(v) A federal, state, or local governmental entity.

(2) "Relationship" means any ongoing or recurring interaction between LDH and a covered entity involving the provision of any of the services listed in items (1)(a)(i) through (iv), whether or not such interaction is governed by a written agreement and whether or not it involves the transfer of funds. The term includes, but is not limited to, LDH membership in the covered entity, attendance by LDH personnel at the covered entity's conferences or trainings on behalf of LDH, LDH's adoption or use of model policies or guidance issued by the covered entity, and the covered entity's provision of technical assistance to LDH."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 4, delete "relationship." and insert in lieu thereof "relationship, including a description of the advisory, policy guidance, training, or technical assistance services provided."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 11, delete "association-related" and insert in lieu thereof "covered-entity-related"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"(4) A description of any model policies, guidance documents, position statements, training materials, or similar advisory products issued by any covered entity that LDH or its personnel have adopted, referenced, or used during the reporting period in shaping departmental policy, operations, or internal governance."