

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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The Office of State Health Care Facilities

New law establishes the office of state health care facilities (OSHCF) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

New law provides that OSHCF is responsible for leading and coordinating LDH in the operation of state healthcare facilities.

New law provides that OSHCF shall administer and coordinate all of the following healthcare facilities:

- (1) Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System.
- (2) Central Louisiana State Hospital.
- (3) Feliciana Forensic Facility.
- (4) Villa Feliciana Medical Complex.
- (5) Pinecrest Supports and Services Center.
- (6) Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center.
- (7) Any other licensed state healthcare facility upon appropriation by the legislature.

New law provides that LDH shall employ an executive director of OSHCF.

New law establishes that each administrator or chief executive officer of a facility under the authority of OSHCF shall report directly to the executive director of OSHCF.

New law provides that OSHCF may establish and administer additional state healthcare facilities subject to funding by the legislature.

Psychiatric Hospitals

Prior law provided that the office of behavioral health, within LDH, may oversee the operation of Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System and Central Louisiana State Hospital. Prior law further provided that the office of behavioral health may establish residential facilities as satellite facilities to such health system or hospital with funds allocated to the hospitals by the legislature.

New law transfers the responsibilities of prior law to OSHCF and provides that OSHCF may open independent facilities.

Prior law provided that the site of a satellite facility selected by the assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health must be approved by the local governing authority.

New law repeals prior law.

Existing law provides that LDH may establish additional forensic facilities for the treatment of patients deemed incompetent to stand trial or who were otherwise incarcerated in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and Alexandria.

New law adds that additional forensic facilities may be established in areas surrounding the locations provided for in existing law.

Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Prior law provided that certain facilities, known as "developmental centers" for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, be operated and administered by the office of citizens with developmental disabilities.

Prior law established that LDH shall operate the following developmental centers:

- (1) Pinecrest Supports and Services Center.
- (2) Northwest Supports and Services Center.
- (3) North Lake Supports and Services Center.
- (4) Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center.

New law removes Northwest Supports and Services Center and North Lake Supports and Services Center.

New law provides that OSHCF shall operate and administer the Pinecrest Supports and Services Center and Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center with the support of the office of citizens with developmental disabilities.

Prior law provided that the facility administrators of each developmental center shall recommend policies and procedures to the secretary of LDH for the operation of the center.

New law changes prior law providing that a facility administrator shall recommend policies and procedures to the executive director of OSHCF.

Prior law provided that by receiving services from and living in a licensed, state-operated, 24-hour residential facility operated by or through the office of citizens with developmental disabilities, the person receiving services was deemed to have made an assignment to any property owned to the office up to the cost of services.

New law modifies prior law providing that LDH shall receive the assignment of property.

Miscellaneous

New law provides that the secretary shall directly control the executive office of the secretary and OSHCF.

New law provides that in the event of an extended absence or vacancy in the position of an assistant secretary at LDH, the secretary has the authority to act on behalf of or in lieu of the assistant secretary including as appointing authority for personnel actions.

Prior law provided that the office of aging and adult services shall administer state-operated nursing homes and Villa Feliciana Medical Complex.

New law repeals prior law.

New law provides that LDH may transfer funding and positions from within the department to establish and implement the provisions of new law.

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(Amends R.S. 28:21, 25.1(B), 451.2 (intro. para.), (1), and (9)(intro. para.), 451.4, and 451.6(A), R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 253, 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A) and (C), and 258(A), (D), and (F), and R.S. 40:16.1(Section Heading); Adds R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1; Repeals R.S. 28:22.8(A)(2) and (3) and 451.2(9)(a) and (b))