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## DIGEST

Mills (SB 649)

Proposed law provides for the creation of the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute.

Proposed law provides for a 32 member council to exist within the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute.

Proposed law provides for the general purpose for which the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute is formed is to carry on research regarding health care professions.

Proposed law provides for the following duties of the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute:

- (1) To consider needed improvements with the professions providing health care services and to make recommendations concerning the same to the legislature.
- (2) To examine and study the scope of practices of health care professionals and of recommending needed reforms.
- (3) To receive and consider suggestions from the legislature and the public generally as to issues regarding health care professions and the services such professions provide.
- (4) To recommend from time to time such changes in the law as it deems necessary to modify or eliminate antiquated and inequitable scope of health care profession issues, and to bring the laws and regulations of the state, into harmony with modern conditions.
- (5) To render annual reports to the legislature, and if it deems advisable to accompany its reports with proposed bills to carry out any of its recommendations.
- (6) To organize and conduct an annual meeting within the state for discussions of current problems with the professions of health care, bringing together representatives of the legislature, practicing health care professionals, and representatives of the health care teaching profession.
- (7) To select a director.

Proposed law provides the members of the council shall serve without any compensation for services as such. Furthermore, the council may fix and pay reasonable compensation to the director of the institute, and honoraria to members of the council who perform professional

service for the institute, authorized by the council or the institute. Such employment or payment shall not be deemed a violation of any criminal law punishing the holding of more than one public office or employment in Louisiana.

Proposed law provides legislation submitted on recommendation of the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute shall have affixed to it a digest of the legislation. Proposed law provides the digest shall be prepared by the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute.

Proposed law provides relative to a minority report.

Proposed law requires the legislature to provide administrative resources to the council.

Proposed law provides the Louisiana State Health Care Profession Institute, in submitting reports to the legislature shall act solely in an advisory capacity. Its reports, studies, and recommended publications shall be printed and shall be distributed by the legislature.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 24:1001-1005)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds the chairman of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee or his designee as a member of the council.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds a clinical social worker licensed and selected by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners as a member of the council.
2. Adds the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee as a member of the council.
3. Adds a consumer appointed by the president of the Senate as a member of the council.
4. Adds a consumer appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives as a member of the council.
5. Requires the legislature to provide administrative resources to the council.

6. Requires the reports, studies, and publications of the council be printed and distributed by the legislature rather than the secretary of state.