

New law creates within the health care services division of the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans a task force to study and make recommendations concerning a prospective requirement for service by state-affiliated physicians on the State Medical Disability Board upon request of the Firefighters' Retirement System. Provides that the task force shall be composed of the following 6 members:

- (1) The chairman of the board of trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System.
- (2) The executive director of the Firefighters' Retirement System.
- (3) The actuary of the Firefighters' Retirement System.
- (4) One member representing the medical school of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
- (5) One member representing the medical school of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.
- (6) One member representing the health care services division of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.

New law provides that the purpose of the task force shall be to study a prospective requirement for service by state-affiliated physicians on the State Medical Disability Board upon request of the Firefighters' Retirement System, and to make policy recommendations concerning this prospective requirement to the legislative committees on health and welfare and retirement.

New law provides that the task force shall convene on or before Sept. 1, 2014, and shall terminate on Sept. 1, 2015.

New law requires that no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the legislature, the task force submit findings from its study in the form of a written report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and retirement.

New law provides that, for purposes of new law, "state-affiliated physician" means any physician licensed to practice medicine by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners who meets either of the following criteria:

- (1) Is a member of the faculty of an LSU Health Sciences Center.
- (2) Has admitting privileges or regularly engages in the practice of medicine at any hospital or medical clinic of an LSU Health Sciences Center medical center and is employed by either of the following:
 - (a) The state.
 - (b) A private entity operating an LSU Health Sciences Center medical center through a cooperative endeavor agreement or other contractual arrangement with the state.

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(Adds R.S. 17:1519.17.1)