

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 260

2015 Regular Session

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HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Delete provisions stipulating that implementation of the program provided for in proposed law shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature therefor; and insert in lieu thereof provisions stipulating that the program shall not be implemented or operational until monies have been appropriated by the legislature sufficient to fully fund the provisions of proposed law.
2. Add applying for grants and donations from any public or private source to implement the provisions of present law and proposed law as an enumerated function of the La. Sickle Cell Commission.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program, referred to hereafter as "the program". Provides that the functions of the program shall include, without limitation, all of the following:

- (1) Training of patient navigators to serve as outreach coordinators, coordinators of family educational sessions, and patient case managers.
- (2) Establishing and strengthening a continuum of care for each sickle cell patient served by the program and for the families of those patients.
- (3) Identifying and contacting sickle cell patients, conducting home visits with patients and their family members, and coordinating patient care.
- (4) Facilitating collaboration among healthcare providers that serve sickle cell patients.
- (5) Delivering public health education on sickle cell disease and treatment.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Health and Hospitals shall administer the program under the direction of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Provides that the program shall not be implemented or operational until monies have been appropriated by the legislature sufficient to fully fund the provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides for the functions of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto the following functions:

- (1) Direction of the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program established by proposed law.
- (2) Applying for grants and donations from any public or private source to implement the provisions of present law and proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1299.4.3 and 2018.3(D)(5) and (6))