

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 333

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:254(A)(14) and R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a), and to repeal R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(C)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22), relative to boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities and the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdictions thereof; to provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to provide for any necessary transitions and transfers; to remove references to certain abolished entities; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the Medical Education Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The legislature finds that abolishing, transferring, and consolidating certain boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities is in the public interest when such entities no longer serve a public purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to abolish, transfer, and consolidate boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities and make other changes as provided in this Act.

**Medical Education Commission**

1 Section 2. (A) R.S. 36:254(A)(14) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
2 follows:

3 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health

4 A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the  
5 secretary by law, he shall:

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7 (14) Determine how funding for residency positions, residency supervision,  
8 and other medical education resources shall be allocated among institutions which  
9 provide medical education at hospitals in the health care services division of the  
10 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, including the Medical Center of  
11 Louisiana at New Orleans, to ensure that there is an equitable distribution among  
12 medical education programs providing services in public institutions. In making such  
13 determinations, the secretary shall consider ~~advice provided by the Medical~~  
14 ~~Education Commission~~, the historical distribution of graduate medical education  
15 resources, the long-term effects of the allocation of medical education resources to  
16 each program, and the clinical workload of each program.

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18 (B) R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
19 as follows:

20 §98.3. Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund, the Education Excellence  
21 Fund, and the TOPS Fund

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23 B. Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be restricted to the  
24 following purposes:

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26 (2) A program of research grants and projects that encourage the pursuit of  
27 innovation in advanced health care sciences; such program shall support clinical and  
28 laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities, ~~as well as institutions~~  
29 ~~represented in the membership of the Medical Education Commission as provided~~

1           ~~in R.S. 17:1519.8~~, and shall fund grants for both basic and applied research in  
 2           advanced health care sciences; such program shall encourage institutional  
 3           commitment and leveraging of state monies to secure private and federal funds and  
 4           shall be administered by the Board of Regents through an objective, competitive  
 5           process subject to peer review. The Board of Regents shall annually submit to the  
 6           legislature and the governor, not less than forty-five days prior to the beginning of  
 7           each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the  
 8           expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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10           §98.4. Louisiana Fund

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12           B. Appropriations from the Fund shall be restricted to the following purposes  
 13           provided in this Subsection, and no annual appropriation for any one of the purposes  
 14           enumerated in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this Subsection may exceed fifty percent  
 15           of the total amount of monies appropriated from the Fund in any fiscal year:

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17           (3) Initiatives to benefit the citizens of Louisiana with respect to health care  
 18           through:

19           (a) A program of research grants and projects that encourage the pursuit of  
 20           innovation in advanced health care sciences; such program shall support clinical and  
 21           laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities, ~~as well as institutions~~  
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 29           each regular session of the legislature, a proposed program and budget for the

1 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the Board of Regents for these purposes.

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3 (C) R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(B)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22) are hereby  
4 repealed.

5 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
9 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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DIGEST

SB 333 Original 2022 Regular Session Hewitt

Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity and provides for any necessary transitions and transfers, all as follows:

Medical Education Commission: Present law creates the commission to make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health on the distribution of funding for residency positions, residency supervision, and other medical education resources for the LSU HSC hospitals among medical education programs providing services and to analyze and make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health regarding appropriate formulas to be used in calculating the amounts to be paid to a medical institution in support of its training programs in the LSU HSC hospitals. Proposed law abolishes the commission.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:254(A)(14) and R.S. 39:98.3(B)(2) and 98.4(B)(3)(a); repeals R.S. 17:1519.12 and 2048.51(C)(14) and (N) and R.S. 36:259(B)(22))