

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AGED PERSONS/AGING COUNCIL: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to provide certain levels of services at specified community and senior centers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1, relative to the Jefferson Council on Aging; to provide
3 for allocation of services funded with monies appropriated to the council; to require
4 the council to provide for and fund certain services to be delivered at designated
5 centers; to establish conditions for the allocation of such services; to authorize the
6 provision of certain services for residents age sixty or over; to prohibit the
7 displacement, replacement, or supplanting of other monies with funding for such
8 services; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §1608. Senior centers; appropriation; allocation of funds; ~~Rapides Parish area~~
15 agency parish-specific provisions

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17 G. The Jefferson Council on Aging shall allocate services in accordance with
18 the provisions of R.S. 46:1608.1 among centers in the parish of Jefferson at which
19 activities and services for residents age sixty or over are provided.

1 §1608.1. Jefferson Council on Aging; allocation of services among certain local
2 centers; conditions

3 A. Subject to the conditions provided in Subsection B of this Section, the
4 Jefferson Council on Aging, referred to hereafter in this Section as the "council",
5 shall ensure delivery of a minimum level of services at the following centers within
6 the set of services to be funded with monies disbursed pursuant to R.S. 46:1608 or
7 another funding source:

8 (1) The Harvey Community Center.

9 (2) The Marrero Community and Senior Center.

10 (3) The Woodmere Community Center.

11 B.(1) The council shall allocate funding for services at a center designated
12 in Subsection A of this Section only if a nonprofit service provider that provides
13 activities, programs, and services for residents age sixty and over at the primary
14 location of the center has entered into a contract, cooperative endeavor agreement,
15 memorandum of understanding, or other agreement with Jefferson Parish.

16 (2) The council shall provide for services to be provided at each center
17 designated in Subsection A of this Section until the value of the services provided
18 for and funded pursuant to this Section at the center reaches ten thousand dollars in
19 a fiscal year.

20 (3) The services provided pursuant to this Section shall be for residents age
21 sixty or over exclusively, and may include, without limitation, any of the following:

22 (a) A senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription
23 medications to seniors.

24 (b) A senior health insurance information program.

25 (c) Aging and disability resources.

26 (d) The following special services for seniors:

27 (i) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite
28 care services.

29 (ii) Homemaker services.

- 1 (iii) Legal resources and services.
- 2 (iv) Educational services.
- 3 (v) Nutrition services.
- 4 (vi) Transportation services.
- 5 C. No monies allocated for services pursuant to the provisions of this Section
- 6 shall be used to displace, replace, or supplant any local or state funding for the
- 7 operation of a center designated in Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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HB 377 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires the Jefferson Council on Aging to provide certain levels of services, for residents age 60 and over, at specified community and senior centers.

Proposed law requires the Jefferson Council on Aging (council) to ensure that certain minimum levels of services for seniors, those services that are provided at senior centers pursuant to present law (R.S. 46:1608), are also provided at the following centers:

- (1) The Harvey Community Center.
- (2) The Marrero Community and Senior Center.
- (3) The Woodmere Community Center.

Proposed law requires the council to fund such services to a center specified in proposed law from monies disbursed to it pursuant to present law (R.S. 46:1608) or another funding source.

Proposed law requires the council to provide such services to a center specified in proposed law only if a nonprofit service provider that provides activities, programs, and services for residents age 60 and over at the primary location of the center has entered into a contract with Jefferson Parish.

Proposed law requires the council to provide services at each center specified in proposed law until the value of the services provided for and funded reaches \$10,000 in a fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that the services provided by the council be for residents age 60 and over and that such services may include:

- (1) A senior prescription program providing low-cost or free prescription medications to seniors.
- (2) A senior health insurance information program.
- (3) Aging and disability resources.

- (4) The following special services for seniors:
- (a) Care management including, without limitation, personal care and respite care services.
 - (b) Homemaker services.
 - (c) Legal resources and services.
 - (d) Educational services.
 - (e) Nutrition services.
 - (f) Transportation services.

(Adds R.S. 46:1608(G) and 1608.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law such that it requires that the council provide for and fund services at the designated centers rather than requiring the council to allocate funds to the centers.
2. Add requirement that services be provided at the request of a center's director, up to the specified limit, and add authorization for the governing body of the council to fund additional services.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize the council to use other funding sources to fund services provided pursuant to proposed law.
2. Remove requirement that a center, prior to receiving services pursuant to proposed law, enter into an agreement with a nonprofit service provider that provides services at the center and instead require the nonprofit service provider to enter into a contract with Jefferson Parish.
3. Remove requirement that the council provide services as requested by the director of the center.
4. Remove authorization for the governing body of the council to fund additional services.