
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.