

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 368****2019 Regular Session****Moss**

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides for a review of the disciplinary process and procedures of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (board) by the state inspector general or by an independent qualified external auditor recommended by the state inspector general at least every five years.
2. Requires training of all board members and staff members in effective communication with complainants.
3. Requires that the annual report include the number of complaints received by the board regarding allegations of professional sexual misconduct and the status of each complaint.
4. Make technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the powers, duties, and limitations of the La. Physical Therapy Board (board).

Proposed law adds to the powers of the board by requiring that the annual report include the number of complaints received by the Physical Therapy Board regarding allegations of professional sexual misconduct and the status of each complaint.

Proposed law adds to the powers of the board by authorizing the board to determine and collect, at the time of new licensure or licensure renewal, a core set of data deemed necessary for workforce planning.

Proposed law adds to the powers of the board by requiring the board to do all of the following:

(1) Submit a review of its disciplinary process and procedures by the state inspector general or by an independent qualified external auditor recommended by the state inspector general at least every five years.

(2) Require training of all board members and staff members in effective communication with complaints, particularly members of vulnerable populations who allege mistreatment by licensees.

Proposed law provides that the data elements shall be used to create and maintain a healthcare workforce database.

Proposed law authorizes the board to enter into agreements with private or public entities to establish and maintain the database.

Proposed law requires the board to promulgate rules to perform duties pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:2405(A)(9); Adds R.S. 37:2405(B)(15) and (D))

