

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1321 by Representative K. Carter

ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: Creates an environmental health surveillance system

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specifies surveillance will include physical, chemical biological, and social aspects of the environment.
2. Requires data to be collected in a standardized format for ease of use.
3. Provides for participation by experts in epidemiology public health and environmental health.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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Proposed law declares legislative intent to establish an Environmental Health Surveillance System, in accordance with the recommendations of the working group created pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the purpose of the EHSS shall be to establish an ongoing surveillance of environmental exposures including physical, chemical and biological factors, and the diseases afflicting people of this state. Proposed law requires DHH, in consultation with DEQ and in cooperation with the Board of Regents, to create a working group of technical experts with specified duties, including the development of possible approaches to establishing the EHSS.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.171 and 1300.172)